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In this feudal empire, the generals who sought to conquer the nation were always in peril of assassination both from their foes from outside of their castle, and from their most trusted retainers as well.
The Era of Warring States...
Many Feudal Lords retained Shadow Warriors at their sides...
The only way for these generals to avoid assassination was to have a body double known as a "Shadow Warrior" to protect them at all times.
...had a Shadow Warrior of his very own!!
In fact, even the mighty Tokugawa Ieyasu...
Prologue: Meeting the Shadow

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the Shadow

At the time, Oda Nobunaga, who sought unification of the nation through military force, was locked in an intense battle with the Ikko believers who advocated freedom without any rulers. It was also known as the Nagashima Ikko Uprising.
Late Warring States Period, Tensho year 2 (1574)
Ise Nagashima Fortress
GWAAH!
GAH!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
DON'T LET ANY OF THESE REBELLIOUS TRASH LIVE!!
LISTEN UP! THIS IS AN ORDER STRAIGHT FROM LORD ODA NOBUNAGA HIMSELF!
GAAAH HAHA!
HUFF
HUFF

AHH!
HMM?
HAHA HA...
THAT WOMAN'S GETTING AWAY!
NOW, HURRY! WE MUST RUN THIS WAY!
HUFF!
HEEH!
OW!
DON'T LET HER GET AWAY!
READY!
AH!

RUN AWAY!
PAY HIM NO HEED! JUST RUN, SEKI!
LORD AMIDA, PLEASE SAVE HIM!
MAY BUDDHA HAVE MERCY ...
MAY BUDDHA HAVE...
MAY BUDDHA HAVE MERCY ...
MAY BUDDHA HAVE MERCY ...
MATSUJI !
SEKI !

READY!
AIM!
FI...
TAH!
HUH!?
M...MY LORD!

Serada
Jirosaburo
Motonobu
PIEW

Living in this age were those known as "vagrants", who wandered throughout the world of the Warring States to make their own livelihood. Jirosaburo was such a person, and was famed in the Ikko Uprising for his prowess with guns.
At this time matchlock soldiers lacked experience, and without precise orders from their commanders, they could scarcely load their bullets, much less shoot their targets.
It was for this reason the commander was the weak link of any matchlock squad."
GAAAH!
T-THEN I SHALL
IS THERE ANYONE TO REPLACE HIM?

AH!
GYAAH!
WAAALIGH!
JIRO-
SABURO
!
ALRIGHT,
NOW!
ATTACK!
IT'S SIR
JIROSABURO
!!
OHH!

YOU'RE LATE!
AND YOU THINK YOU'RE WORTHY TO BE A BULLET CARRIER?
YAHA-CHIRO !!
HEY ! JIRO-SABURO !!
!
WHAT? YOU ONLY BROUGHT TWO OF THEM?
SINCE WHEN DID I SAY I WAS YOUR BULLET CARRIER?
Honda Yahachiro Masanobu
Aged 37 years. While a samurai, he defected to the Ikko sect, and participated in many of the uprisings as a strategist. He had been Jirosaburo's comrade on the battlefield for a decade
DON'T MAKE ME SAY IT AGAIN!
KCH
UHH
CAN YOU?
YOU CAN'T LET ME DIE!
JUST RELOAD FOR ME!

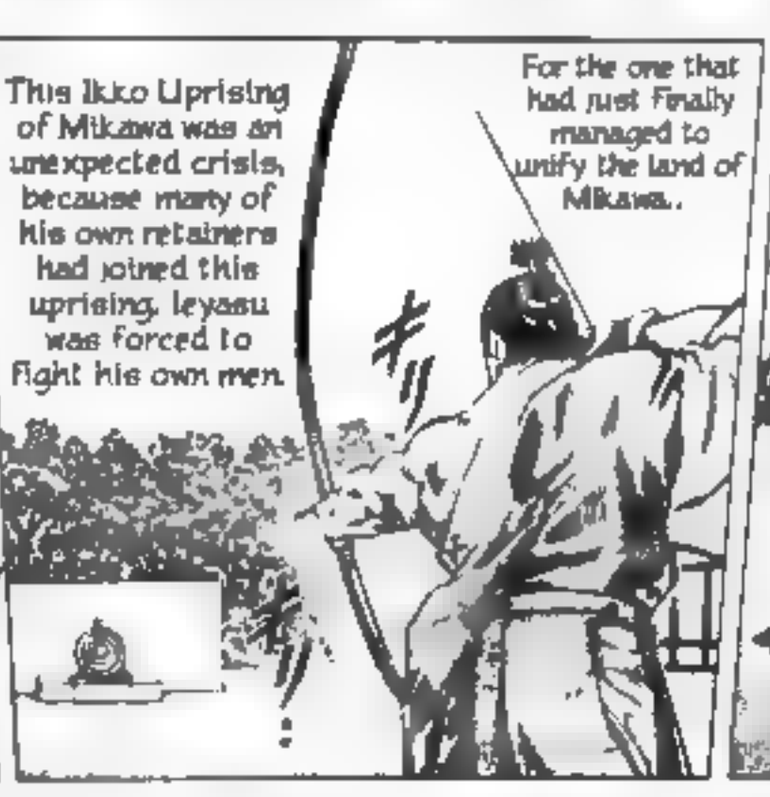
YES... I CAN'T LET YOU DIE.
IF YOU DID, EVERYTHING I HAVE WOULD DIE WITH YOU...

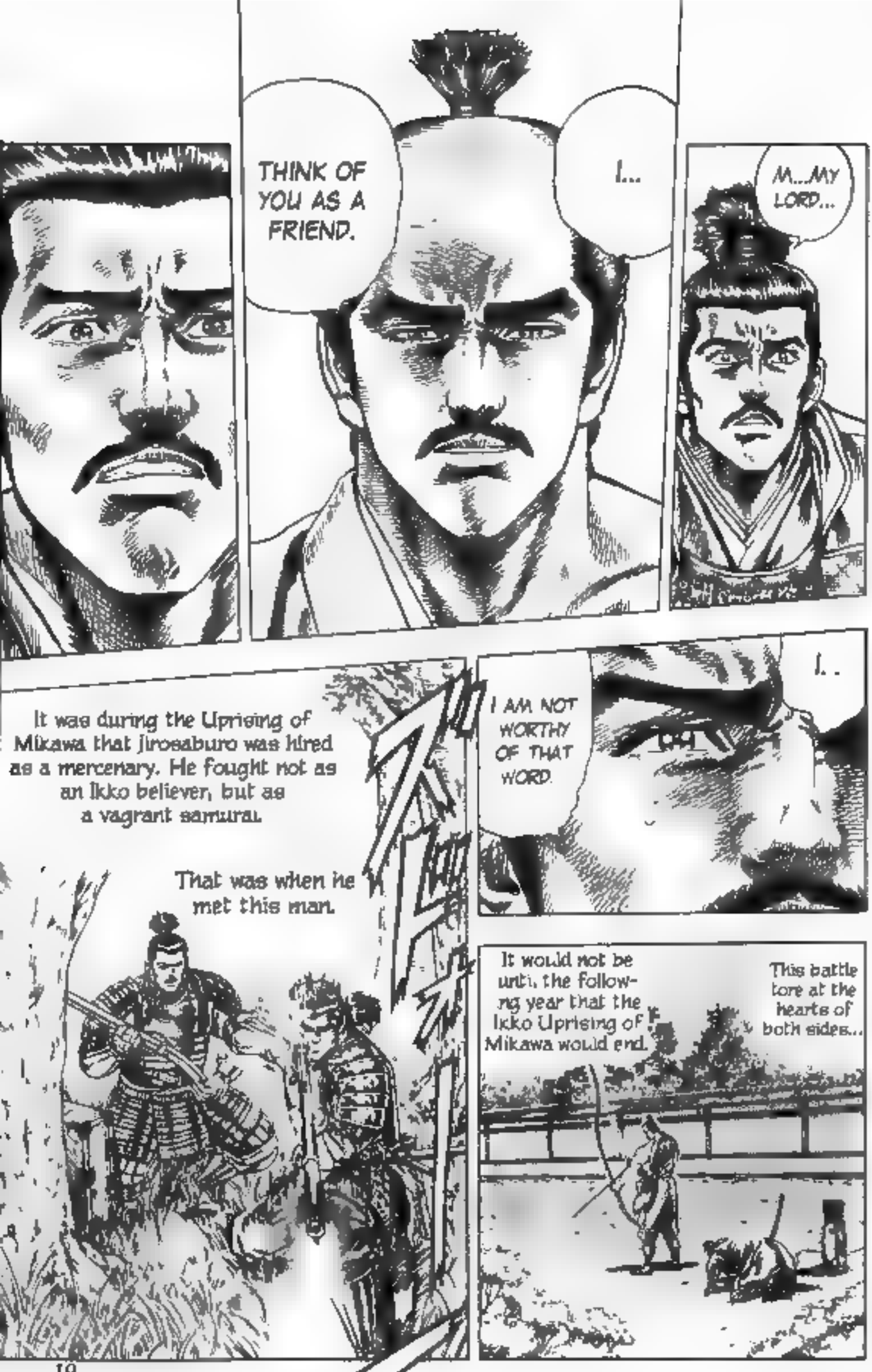
Eiroku year 6 (1563)
Okazaki Castle of Mikawa
A THOUSAND PARDONS, MY LORD!
Matsudaira Ieyasu (Tokugawa Ieyasu)
Age 22
THINK IT OVER, YAHACHIRO !!
Honda Masanobu hailed from the Honda Clan, which had supported Matsudaira Ieyasu (Tokugawa Ieyasu), and was raised alongside Ieyasu.
He was Ieyasu's closest friend, but Masanobu had to leave Ieyasu's side to join the Ikko Rebellion.

In the Warring States era, the majority of Ikko Sect temples were surrounded by "forbidden" villages. Known as "Temple Districts", where authority figures were forbidden from setting foot, they were guaranteed an exemption from taxes. However, the Ikko Uprising in Mikawa was sparked by Ieyasu's men trespassing in Mikawa's Temple District. Whether or not the Temple Districts were recognized as forbidden ground was a life-or-death matter of freedom to the Ikko Sect.

This Ikko Uprising of Mikawa was an unexpected crisis, because many of his own retainers had joined this uprising. Ieyasu was forced to fight his own men.

For the one that had just finally managed to unify the land of Mikawa..



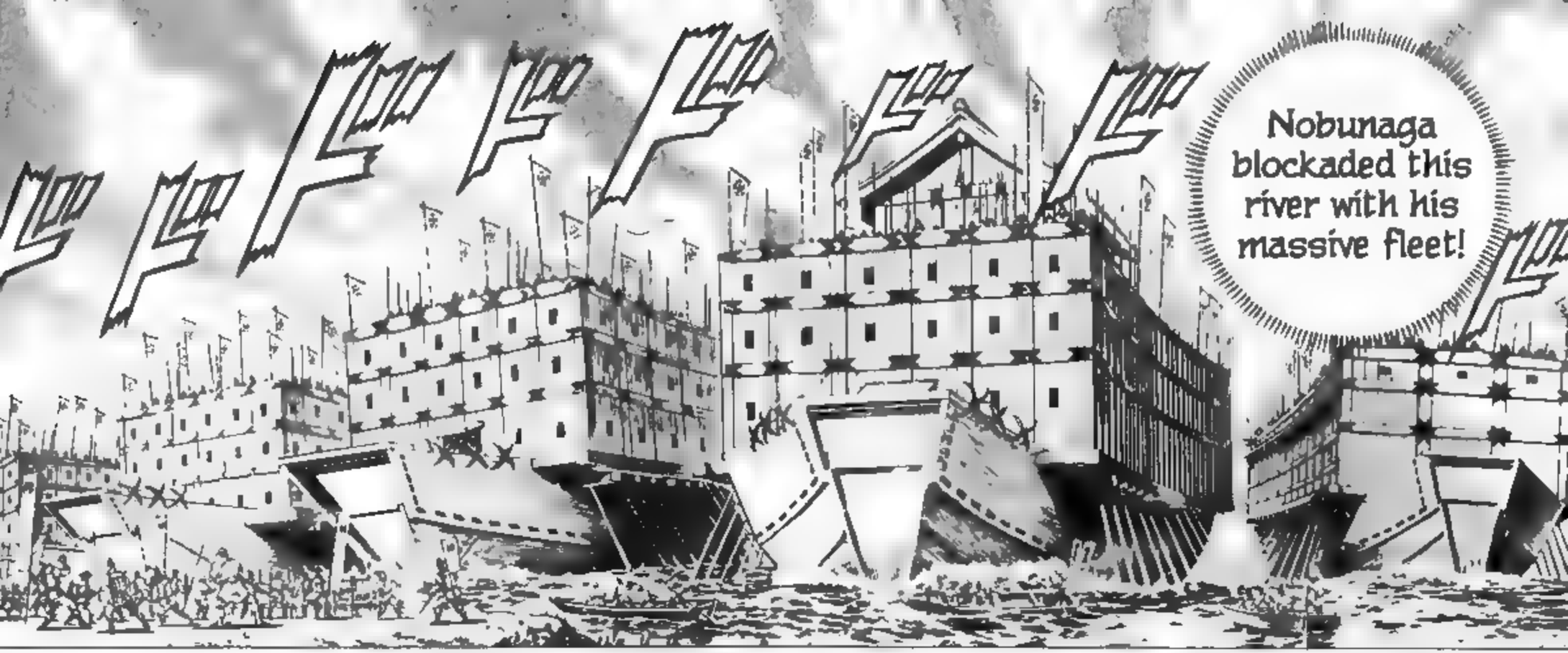

THINK OF YOU AS A FRIEND.
I...
M...MY LORD...
I AM NOT WORTHY OF THAT WORD.
I..
It was during the Uprising of Mikawa that Jirosaburo was hired as a mercenary. He fought not as an Ikko believer, but as a vagrant samurai.
That was when he met this man.
It would not be until the following year that the Ikko Uprising of Mikawa would end.
This battle tore at the hearts of both sides...

I MUST SPARE NO EXPENSE IN BRINGING HIM TO MIKAWA TO BECOME LORD IEYASU'S SHADOW WARRIOR!
THERE IS NO OTHER MAN WHO SO RESEMBLES LORD IEYASU INSIDE AND OUT!

THIS IS ALL THANKS TO YOU! THANK YOU SO MUCH!
THANK YOU!
JIRO-SABURO !!
But these past ten years... He could not tell him...
Because he had just one thing in the way.

I STOPPED TREMBLING... I STOPPED BEING AFRAID
I FELT THAT I WAS FORGIVEN.
WHEN I WAS CHANTING MY PRAYERS TODAY,
BUT DON'T DO ANYTHING THAT RECKLESS AGAIN...
YES. BUT I'M FINE
GOOD THING I WAS SO PUNCTUAL TODAY

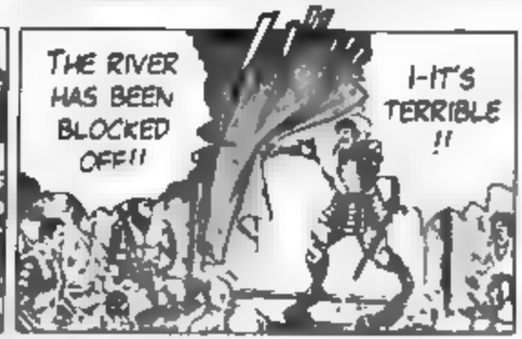
Seki was the only woman who loved the grubby samurai Jirosaburo without reserve.
S-SEKI!
HUH!?
I FELT LIKE I WAS ON MY WAY TO THE PURE LAND.
LORD KEN'NYO OF HONGAN TEMPLE'S TEACHINGS WERE TRUE.
!!
He joined forces with the Ikko sect because he wanted to be with Seki.
NOTHING
The Ikko Sect believed paradise awaited those who chanted "May Buddha have Mercy." Ergo, Ikko believers fought without fear of death.
キャ…
But Nobunaga was about to enact his plot to slaughter all of the Nagashima rebels!
Twice before, Nobunaga had been repelled at the Battle of Nagashima.
Ise Nagashima was blessed with multiple deltas, affording them natural fortifications.


Nobunaga blockaded this river with his massive fleet!

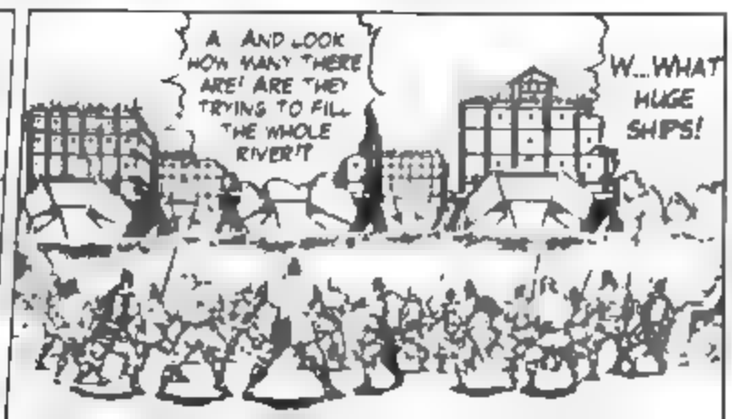
But with the rivers blockaded, the small boats could not pass. The rebels were cut off from their food supply.
This was the most brutal form of murder, known as starving out..


The Nagashima rebels used small boats on the river to freely supply food and ammunition.

WHAT!?


THE RIVER HAS BEEN BLOCKED OFF!!
I-IT'S TERRIBLE !!

WHEN DID NOBUNAGA BRING THESE HERE?


A AND LOOK HOW MANY THERE ARE! ARE THEY TRYING TO FILL THE WHOLE RIVER!?
W...WHAT HUGE SHIPS!

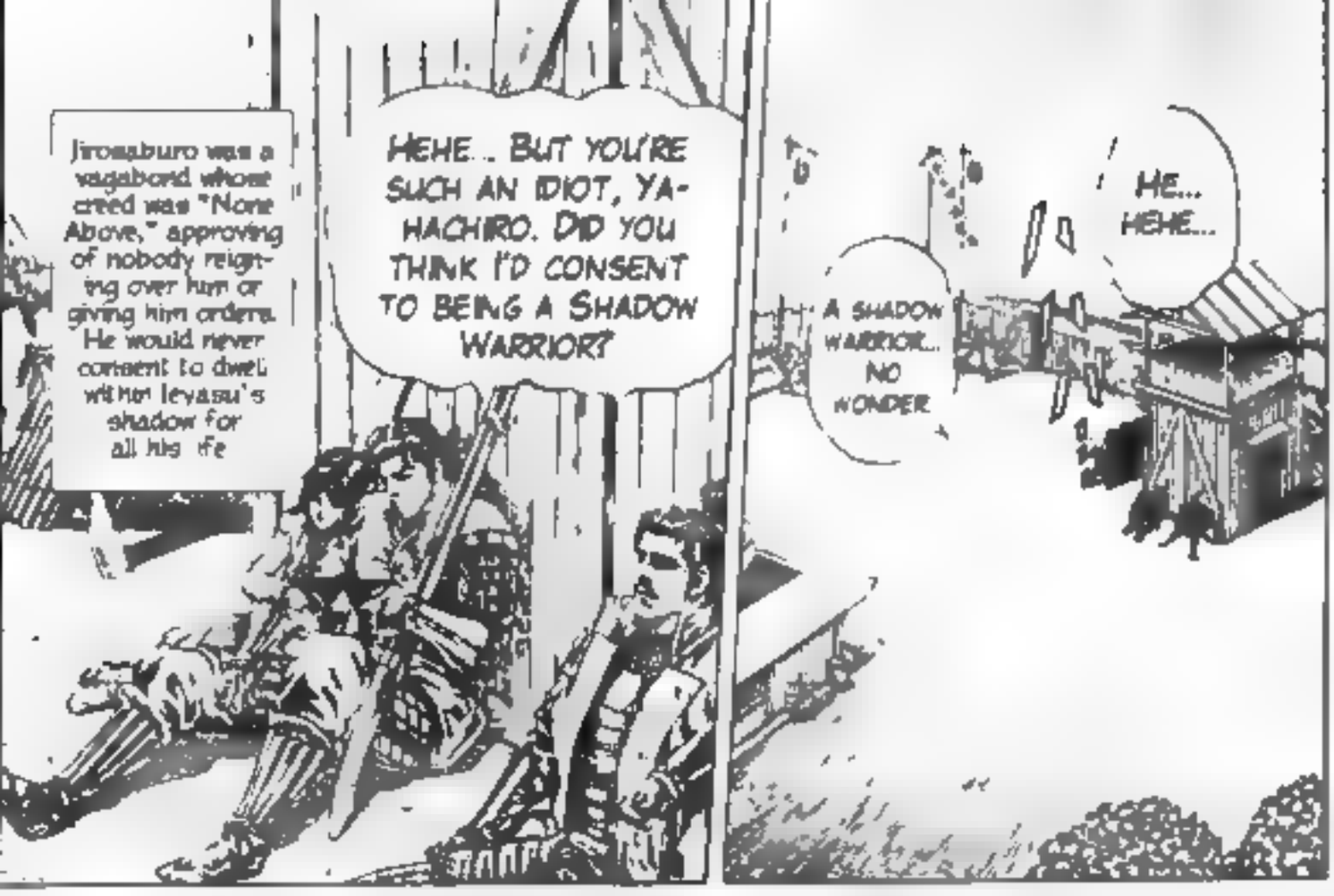
But there wasn't a single crumb of sustenance remaining in the fortress.
Over half the rebels perished from starvation, while the rest braced for the inevitable.
Three months later...
The Nagashima Ikko Uprising desperately resisted Nobunaga's fleet.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
30...

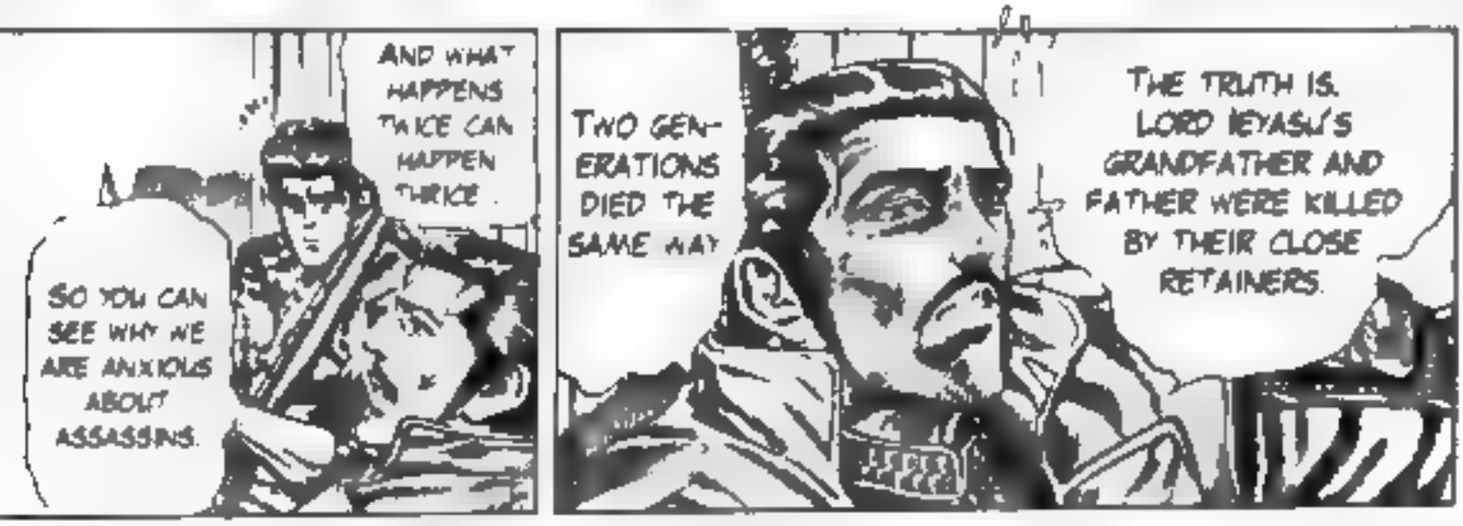
COUGH COUGH
COUGH
S-SEKI!
...YES
A, ARE YOU ALRIGHT !?
WHAT GOOD WILL KILLING ONE OR TWO MEN DO NOW!?
ENOUGH
YEAH
H-HERE, TAKE THIS...
LOOK!
TO SUR-RENDER !!
WE'VE DECIDED
SHUT UP! NEXT!!

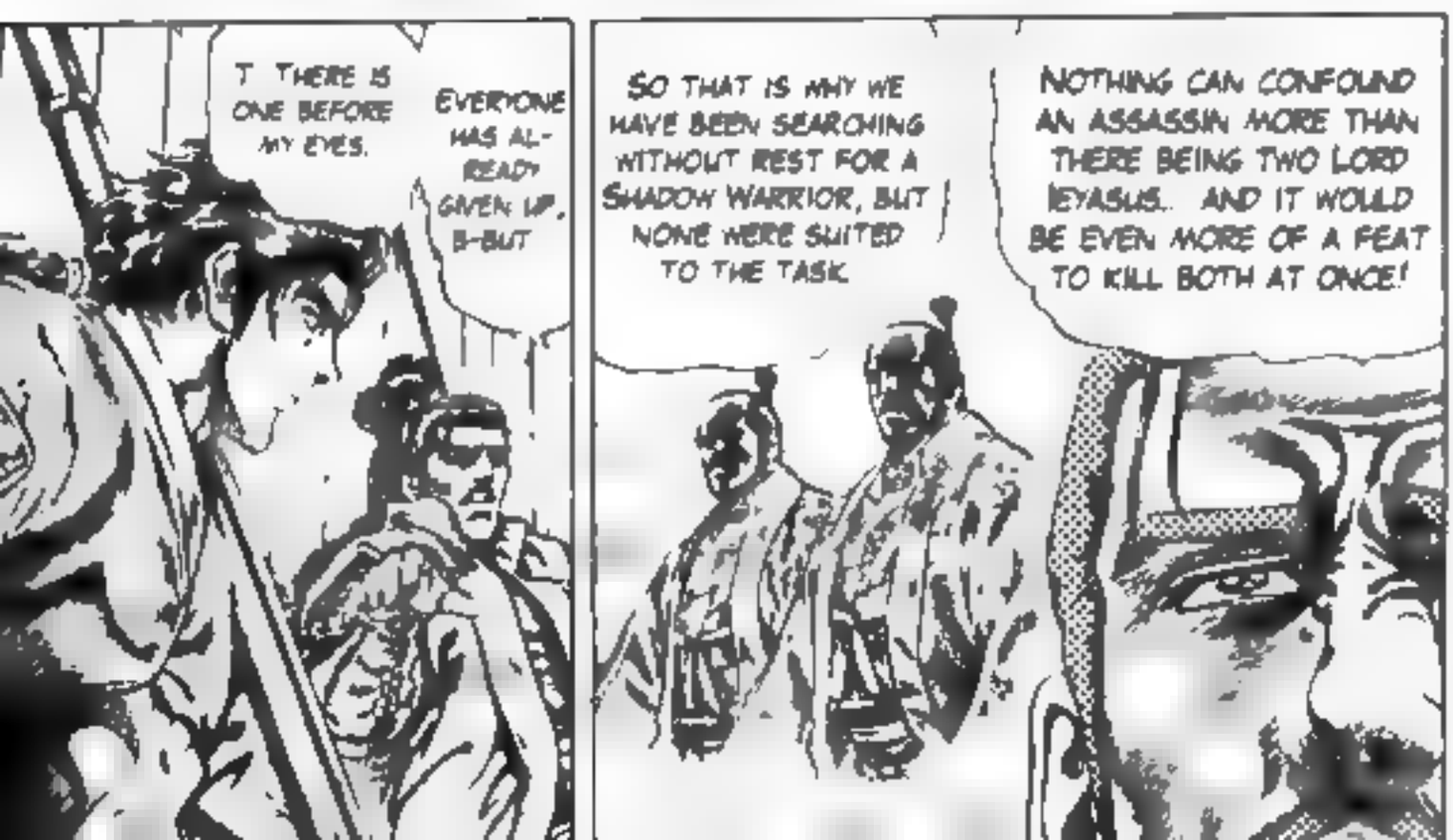
BUT... THIS IS THE ONLY CHANCE WE HAVE TO SAVE US ALL.
HE MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED
THEY'RE DISPATCHING A MESSENGER.
WE'LL HAVE... TO BET ON HIM...
WHY?
HUH?
THEY WILL ACCEPT OUR SURRENDER THIS TIME.
NO.
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN. THAT HERETIC'S ACTIONS AT MT. HIEI
YOU DON'T MEAN
SINCE IT'S A GREATER SPECTACLE TO KILL US WHEN WE'RE OUTSIDE THE FORTRESS
HE IS A PURVEYOR OF SPECTACLE.

To this day no incident has wounded the nation's heart as deeply as Nobunaga's arson at Mt. Hiei. At Mt. Hiei, including Enryaku Temple of the Tendai Sect with its eight hundred years of tradition and authority, was set ablaze until not a building was left
Nobunaga's army of many thousand put every human being he encountered to the sword. High priests, women and children alike were cut down or immolated. Many of Nobunaga's men were appalled by the brutality that they appealed to him for clemency, but Nobunaga heeded none of them
I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT SEKI THAN MYSELF
PHEW
BUT NOW THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO GIVE
INDEED SHE'S BEEN GIVING ALL HER RATIONS TO THE CHILDREN SINCE OUR FOOD SUPPLY WAS CUT OFF
YOU'VE BEEN SILENT FOR A WHILE NOW

BUT YOU... ARE A SPITTING IMAGE OF MY LORD.
HEH. I HAVEN'T TOLD YOU UNTIL NOW,
PHEW... I GUESS.. THIS IS THE END...
MIKAWA?
I'M DISAPPOINTED JUST THAT I COULDN'T ... TAKE YOU BACK TO MIKAWA
I... WANTED TO MAKE YOU A SHADOW WARRIOR


Jirosaburo was a vagabond whose creed was "None Above," approving of nobody reigning over him or giving him orders. He would never consent to dwell within Ieyasu's shadow for all his life
HEHE... BUT YOU'RE SUCH AN IDIOT, YAHACHIRO. DID YOU THINK I'D CONSENT TO BEING A SHADOW WARRIOR?
A SHADOW WARRIOR... NO WONDER
HE... HEHE...


AND WHAT HAPPENS TWICE CAN HAPPEN THRICE.
SO YOU CAN SEE WHY WE ARE ANXIOUS ABOUT ASSASSINS.
TWO GENERATIONS DIED THE SAME WAY
THE TRUTH IS. LORD IEYASU'S GRANDFATHER AND FATHER WERE KILLED BY THEIR CLOSE RETAINERS.


T THERE IS ONE BEFORE MY EYES.
EVERYONE HAS ALREADY GIVEN UP. B-BUT
SO THAT IS WHY WE HAVE BEEN SEARCHING WITHOUT REST FOR A SHADOW WARRIOR, BUT NONE WERE SUITED TO THE TASK.
NOTHING CAN CONFOUND AN ASSASSIN MORE THAN THERE BEING TWO LORD IEYASUS. AND IT WOULD BE EVEN MORE OF A FEAT TO KILL BOTH AT ONCE!

WHAT A MAN. HE'S THINKING OF IEYASU EVEN WHEN HE'S ON THE VERGE OF DEATH.
JUST HOW MUCH... YOUR PRESENCE... WOULD PUT LORD IEYASU'S... MIND AT EASE. ?
DO YOU KNOW...
IT'S SAID THAT PEOPLE REVEAL THEIR TRUE NATURE WHEN THEY ARE CORNERED
AND THIS MAN CALLED YAMAOMIRO

I HAD THEM SAVED FOR THE LAST MOMENT
THAT'S ONLY NATURAL.
SEKI, THESE ARE FOR YOU.
THE REST ARE FOR SEKI.
I'LL LET YOU HAVE THIS.
W- WHAT'S THIS!?
W WHERE DID YOU GET THOSE!?

OTHER- WISE YOU'LL DIE
EAT THEM.

MAY BUDDHA HAVE MERCY ..
MAY BUDDHA HAVE MERCY
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
S-SEKI!
HUH?
MAKE SURE YOU CHEW WELL.
SEKI ..
AHHH ..
EAT THESE.
NOW, CHILDREN.

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO DIE?
WHY?
W-WHY?
THAT MUCH?
EVEN IF MY LIFE WERE TO END, YOURS MUST NOT!
NO!
I'M FINE. DON'T MIND ME. YOU'LL DIE OTHERWISE
EAT THIS!

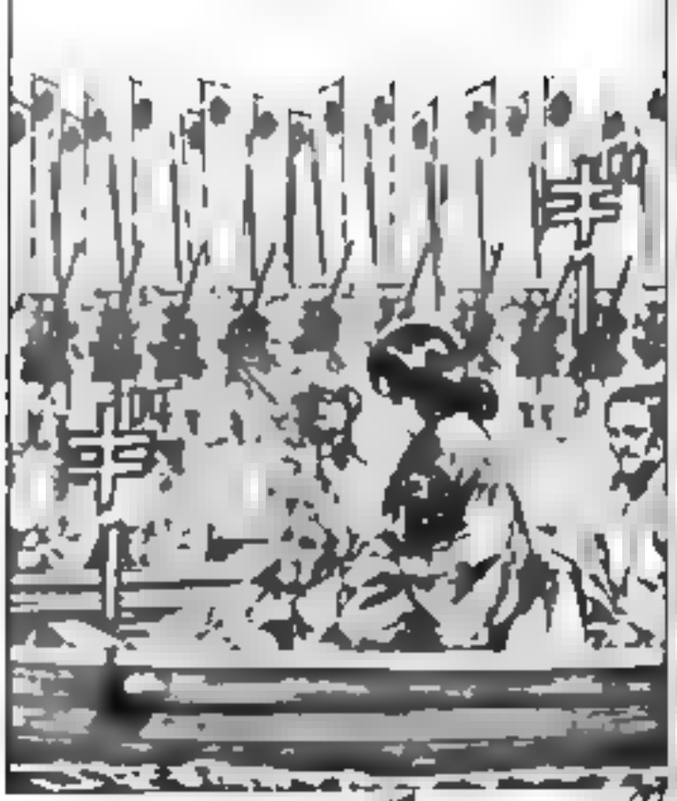
HE CALLED ME HIS FRIEND.
M-MAY LORD CALLED ME
YOU'D GO SO FAR ?
I...
WILL SACRIFICE MYSELF FOR MY FRIEND

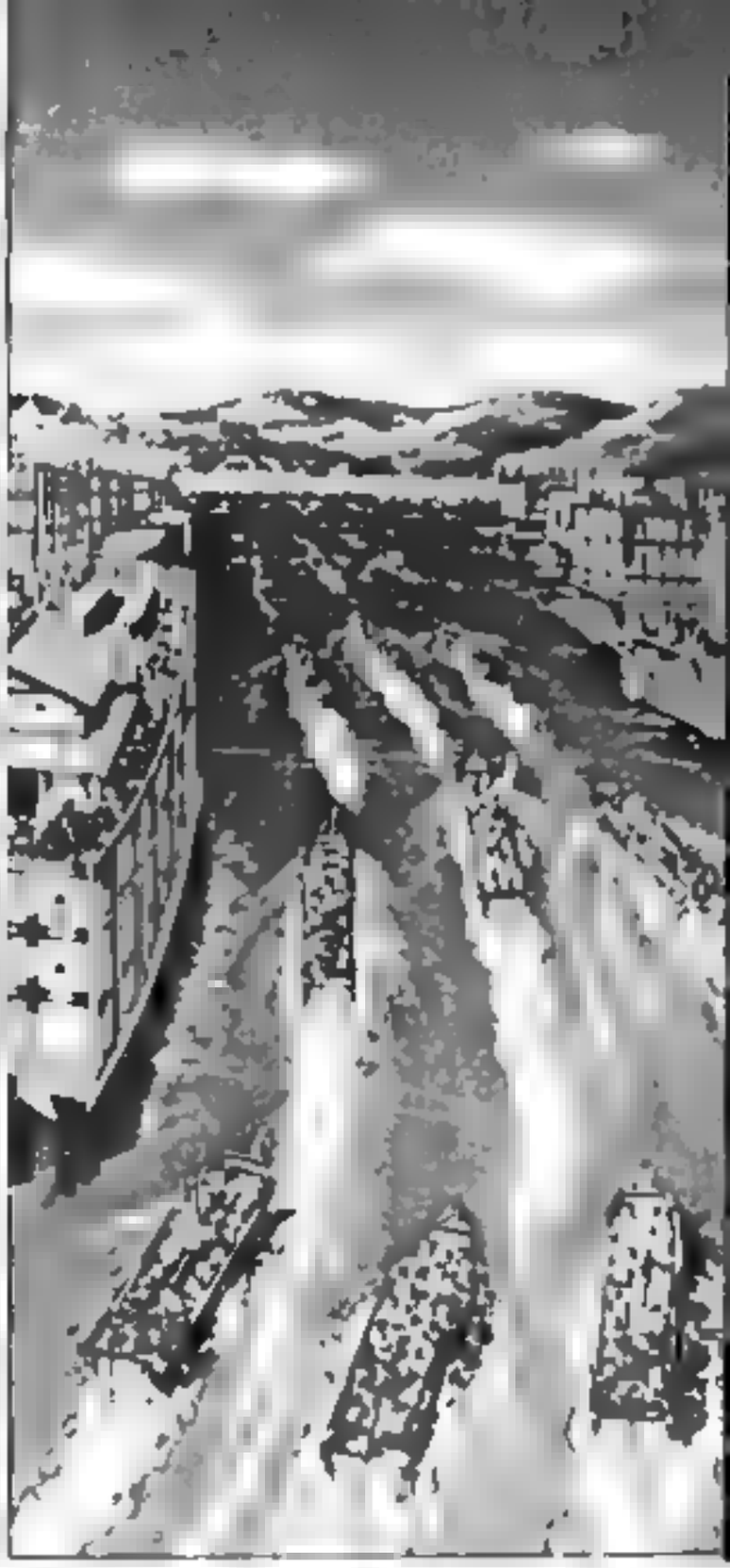
S...
SEKI
JUST
...!!

S... SHE'S GOTTEN SO THIN...
THEY ACCEPTED OUR SURRENDER.
JIRO-SABURO, YOU WERE RIGHT.
...SO THIN...

THAT WOMAN... IS DEAD.
NOW ...
YOU HAVE NO MORE REASON TO BE HERE.

NOBU-NAGA'S
IF... WE MAKE IT OUT OF HERE ALIVE, WILL YOU COME TO MIKAWA WITH ME?
WELL...?
NOBUNAGA'S LIFE IS MINE!





FIRE!!

GWAH!
HYAH!

Hosaburo's prediction was correct
AH HH!
HYA AAH!
GYA AA AH!
HOW DARE YOU DECEIVE US, NOBUNAGA!!
D-DAMN YOU!!
AUU UGH
WAAA AUGH
AH HH ...

...stripped naked in the river mad with rage over Nobunaga's actions.
Something unusual happened. The rebels, who had been starved down to flesh and bone and could barely walk.
WAAA UGH!
And initiated a massive raid on Nobunaga's main forces!
NOBUNAGA, YOU'RE TRAPPED NOW! YOU MISREAD THE POWER OF MAN!
This amazing final resistance was the last show of will of the Nagashima Ikko Uprisers.
Caught by surprise, Oda's army fell one by one, with many casualties.
UGH
AAH

THE TERROR OF THE TRUE POWER OF MAN!!
I'LL MAKE YOU FEAR ...

WHY ...?
I SHALL HELP YOU!

I'LL FOLLOW YOU TILL THE END.
I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOU.. FOR TEN YEARS...

KOHH. YOU DAMN MONSTERS!
Oda Nobuhiro
(Nobunaga's half brother)
Taking advantage of the confusion in the Oda ranks, they reached the formation of Oda Nobuhiro, one of the enemy commanders.
KNN GH!
There was no way the living men could defeat the dead. The living army of Oda could not match the rebels, who had become like the dead.
I HAVE YOU NOW, ODA NOBUHIRO!
DIE!
I WILL EXTERMINATE NOBUNAGA'S WHOLE CLAN!

GAAA AAH!
Oda Nobu hiro -- Shot to death
UGAH!
Oda Tsuda Noburan Nobunaga's cousin -- Shot to death
DIE !!
Oda (Tsuda Nobutsugu Nobunaga's uncle -- Shot to death

DAMN YOU!! JUST DIE ALREADY!
HHHH!
ONLY ONE MORE STEP UNTIL NOBUNAGA'S MAIN CAMP!!
URYA AH!
NURYA AHH!
BUT EH

BGYAA AAH!
J JIRO-SABURO
UKON Y-YAMA-OMO
HUH
HUH
HUH
HUH
HUH
CRUSH

Y-YOU CAN'T !!
Y-YOU IDIOT!
YAHA
H-H-
!!
S-SO WAN YOU HAV THIS
GO!!
I... HAVE FALLEN FOR

In the world of the Warring States, the word "fallen" meant that from the moment it was uttered, the speaker would be ready to lay down his life at any time for that man.
I HAVE FALLEN FOR YOU AS WELL!!
SO DON'T DIE!!

Many years later... Honda Yahachiro returned to service at Mikawa, and per his recommendation, Serada Jirosaburo became Tokugawa Ieyasu's shadow warrior.

Neither of them knew they would hold the fate of the Tokugawa clan in their hands...

DON'T DIE!!

# Shadow Warrior: Tokugawa Ieyasu

## Prologue to Volume One

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Chapter 1:
Cost of Being
the Ruler!
!!
Y YOUR
EXCELLENCY!!
Imperial Advisor
Toyotomi Hideyoshi
passes away at age 63

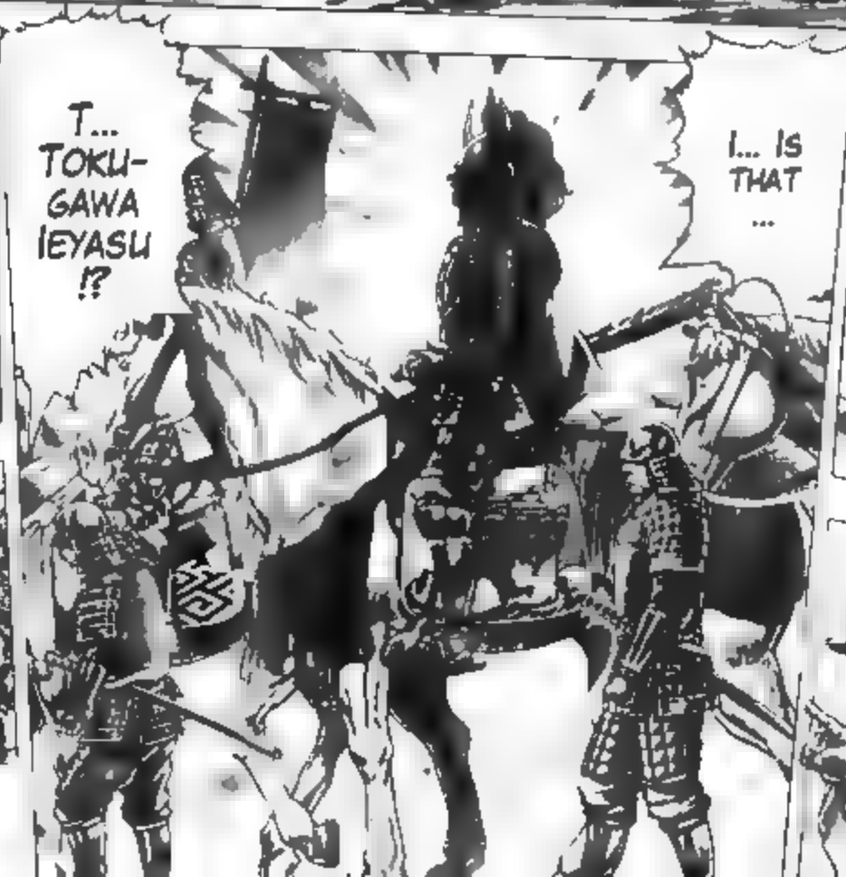
Toyotomi Hideyoshi's reign over the nation had ended...
After thirteen years ...
Minister of the Interior Tokugawa Ieyasu
Second Assistant Minister Ishida Mitsunari
And the one who saw this death as an opportunity to seize the nation...

Tokugawa Ieyasu!!
was the leader of the Magistrates (commonly known as the Five Elders), the great lord of a 2,550,000 koku fief
Mitsunaru, armed with only a 190,000 koku fief, felt Ieyasu was trying to wrench the nation from Advisor Hideyoshi's son Hideyori, and marshaled an army with lords that were dissatisfied with Ieyasu
But the man who rose to resist Ieyasu was one of the Elders, Ishida Mitsunari!
Under the pretense of defeating the rebellious lords, brought down Ieyasu's Fushimi castle
Movements of
Their war turned into a battle like none ever seen before in Japan. This was the famous "Battle of Sekigahara"!!

Chapter 1: Cost of
Being the Ruler!

But there were many truths concealed in history... And these truths shall be revealed!!
As is common knowledge, this battle for the destiny of the Tokugawa Clan ended with the Tokugawas' victory.
EASTERN ARMY
Sekigahara

Ieyasu headed for Okayama's camp in Akasaka.
At noon, on September 14, the day before the Battle of Sekigahara...
SEKIGAHARA
GIFU
NAKA-SENDO
AKA SAKA
HOKKOKU HIGHWAY
H. HE'S FINALLY SHOWN HIMSELF!
OOOH
OHHH!


T... TOKU-GAWA IEYASU !?
I... IS THAT ...

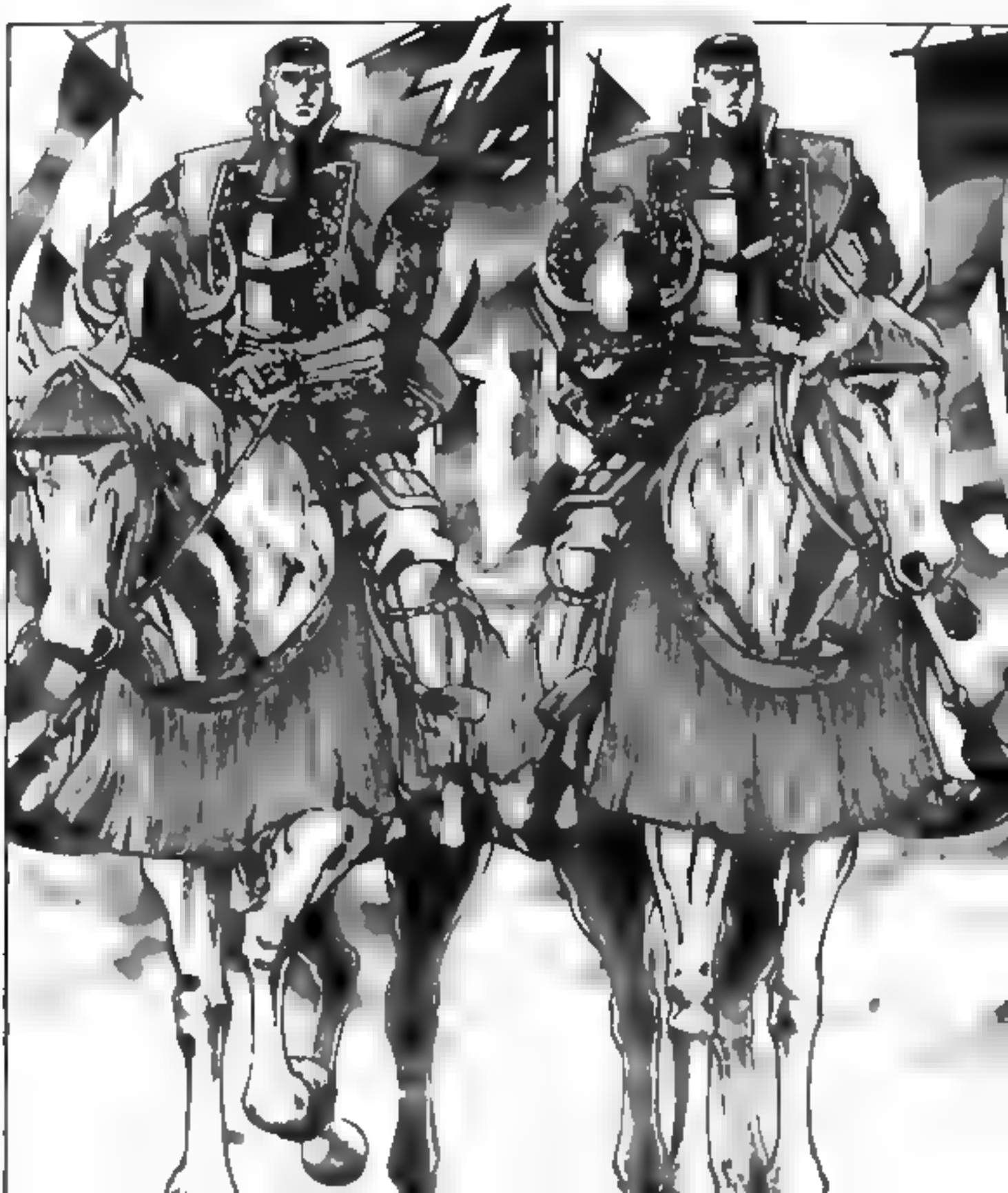
AND THEIR ARMIES DWARF ANY OF TEN OR TWENTY THOUSAND!
OF COURSE THEY ARE!
EEEEK! THAT'S JUST DREAD-FUL!

OH, LOOK!

TOKUGAWA'S OWN ARMY HAS COME FORTH AT LAST..
ARE THEY FINALLY GOING TO START A BATTLE AGAINST THE ISHIDA?

T-THAT'S
AHHHH
TOKU-GAWA IEYASU!
THAT'S "THE GREATEST" ARCHER OF THE 20AS"
BUT HE'S SO ELEGANT!
THE RUMORS SAID HE WAS UGLY!

WHAT IS THE MATTER, MY LORD?
WAA AAH!
H HE LOOKED OUR WAY!
HEY, HE'S LOOKING OUR WAY!
HMM!?
WHAT'S THIS!?
THE SAME HELMET AND THE SAME SURCOAT AND THE SAME STATURE...



IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THOSE PEASANTS?
Serada Jirosaburo Motonobu
LONG, LONG AGO...
WE HAD TO ENDURE FIELD LABOR LIKE THEM...
W. W-WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
T-THEY HAVE THE SAME FACE
WHEN IMAGAWA YOSHIMOTO WAS TAKEN HOSTAGE, THE RETAINERS ALL HAD TO WORK AS PEASANTS TO SURVIVE.
AHH...

AND IT JUST FELT NOSTALGIC.
I SEE.

AIEEEE!
SMILED WITH IDENTICAL EXPRESSIONS!
T-THEY SMILED!
HWO OW!
I NEED TO BRING PEACE TO THIS NATION SOON, JIROSABURO.
HAHA..
AS YOU WILL.
THIS IS TOO FAR FOR A PRACTICAL JOKE MY LORD!
HAHAHA! THOSE PEASANTS SURE LOOK SURPRISED!
SO THERE ARE TWO IEYASUS. HOW COULD THIS BE?
BUT THAT REALLY WAS TOKUGAWA IEYASU, RIGHT?
PUATLE
HAEEEEH. WE'VE SEEN SOMEONE GREAT

A SHADOW WARRIOR.
IF LORD IEYASU SEIZES THE NATION IN THIS BATTLE...
THEN MY LIFE AS A SHADOW WARRIOR WILL BE OVER..
THAT PROMISE... WILL FINALLY...

HEY.
Tensho year 18 (1590)
Edo Falconry Grounds
LORD TADA-KATSU
COUGH
The most senior retainer of Mikawa and the fiercest general of the Tokugawa army. He entered his first battle at the age of 13. It was said that "he has taken part in over fifty battles, and had countless military exploits, but to this day his skin remains unmarred by a single scar
Honda Heihachiro Tadakatsu
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT ?
YOU BROUGHT ME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE

I WANT YOU TO MEET LORD IEYASU, EVEN IF IT'S ONLY THE ONCE
ANY-WAY ...
LORD IEYASU WILL BE COMING TO THESE FALCON-RY GROUNDS TODAY.
WHAT !?
WE'VE WITHHELD THIS FROM YOU, BUT .
This man had been Jirosaburo's friend since the Ikko Uprising of Mikawa. He was an excellent strateg st who recruited Jirosaburo as a Shadow Warrior.
Honda Yaha chiro Masa nobu
WE NEED YOU TO MEET OUR LORD!!
THIS IS FOR THE TOKUGAWA CLAN...
I'M LEAVING.

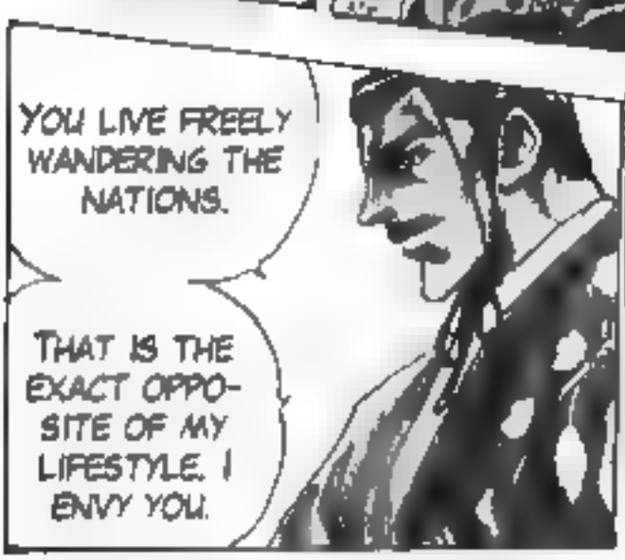
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.
I COULDN'T CARE LESS.
LIBB GH!
M... MY LORD!!

H-HOW DARE YOU HARM OUR LORD!
Y-YOU INSOLENT FOOL!
!!

NOT EVEN FROM TOKUGAWA IEYASU HIMSELF.
ONLY I DECIDE MY OWN PATH. I TAKE ORDERS FROM NONE!
YOU SEEM TO HAVE PREPARED YOURSELF
AH!
!!
HMM?

I-IT CAN'T BE! SABURO WILL NEVER TOUCH ANYONE BUT OUR LORD!
T... THAT'S LORD IEYASU'S FALCON, SABURO!!
A HAWK'S VISION IS SAID TO EXTEND TO A THOUSAND R. AWAY AND YET SABURO'S MIS TAKEN HIM FOR LORD IEYASU!
AH!

TO THINK... WE WOULD LOOK THIS ALIKE.
WHAT A SURPRISE...
LORD IEYASU !!




They wouldn't approve of anyone standing above them. They did not allow others to make use of them. In modern terms, they desired "freedom"!

In this age of the warring states, there were people called vagabonds, who roamed the nation making a living for themselves. Their creed was "None above"

I WAS AN IMAGAWA HOSTAGE AT THE AGE OF TWO.
FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS, WHILE I GREW INTO A YOUNG MAN, THEY HAD ME UNDER PERPETUAL SURVEILLANCE. I COULDN'T EVEN TAKE A WALK OUTSIDE.
THAT MAY BE WHY I ENJOY FALCONRY
I WAS ENRAPTURED BY MY FIRST SIGHT OF A FALCON DANCING IN THE SKY,
FOR MY WINGS OF FREEDOM HAVE BEEN CLIPPED IN THESE WARS.
.....

WILL YOU NOT LEND ME YOUR AID?
JIRO-SABURO ...
AH!
HOW COULD OUR LORD BOW TO THAT ?
A DREAM.
I HAVE.
WHY DO YOU NEED A RUFFIAN LIKE ME...?
WHY!?

DON'T YOU THINK THIS WORLD WILL BE BETTER OFF WITHOUT WAR?
THAT'S RIGHT!! TO CREATE AN AGE WITHOUT WAR!
A DREAM ...?

WAR TAKES AWAY THE LIVES AND FREEDOM NOT ONLY OF THE SAMURAI BUT ALSO OF THE PEASANTS.. SO ENOUGH OF WAR! SAMURAI AND PEASANTS ALIKE ARE MEANT TO FLY AS FREE AS THAT FALCON!
INDEED. THE PEASANTS' WORK IS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE SAMURAI LIFESTYLE. WITHOUT THE PEASANTS, WE COULDN'T BE HERE.
WITHOUT WAR!?

A WORLD WHERE EVERYONE CAN BE FREE...?
JIROSABURO! I.. I WANT TO MAKE A WORLD OF PEACE WHERE EVERYONE CAN BE FREE!

Unlike the other lords, Ieyasu did not think of the peasants as people to rule. This dream, of bringing freedom to all, fiercely moved the vagabond Jirosaburo's heart.
I BEG YOU!
SO TO ACCOMPLISH MY DREAM, I NEED YOU AS A SHADOW WARRIOR!
MY FATHER AND GRANDFATHER DIED OF THE BETRAYAL OF THEIR ASSOCIATES...
SURRENDER IT TO ME!
UNTIL THAT TIME COMES, SACRIFICE YOUR FREEDOM!!

THIS BATTLE IS GOING TO BE A TREMENDOUS ONE.

BUT THIS IS THE END. IF WE WIN THIS WAR AND THE NATION BELONGS TO THE TOKUGAWA, MY DUTY AS A SHADOW WARRIOR WILL BE OVER."

IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS AND SOMEHOW I'M STILL GOING...

I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE I AM A SHADOW WARRIOR...

The next day, on September 15, at 2 a.m., the troops depart.

Having received word that Ishida Mitsunari had unexpectedly left his castle, Ieyasu heads for Sekigahara to engage Mitsunari's forces.

An orderly with a commissioned messenger
IT'S DARK AND COLD
UFEH!
BEH!
Nano mura Shiro enun
DAMN IT! SO MUCH FOR BEING THE 3RD ER!

五
KOH
HUH?
KOH
LET GO
WHO ARE YOU?
LET

AH!!

EEUCC
OH...
A A
SPEAR!
BUT IT'S
TOO SHORT
FOR THAT

Rokuro of Kai
This man was once a ninja of the Takeda, but split from his clan after the Takeda Clan's defeat at the Battle of Mt. Tenmoku in Tensho year 10. He has lived as a lone wolf ever since
But possessed of an extraordinary wit of survival, he found employment in the service of Shima Sakon Katsutake, the samurai general of Ishida Mitsunari.
...AND THE NAME OF THE CARP I WANT YOU TO CATCH IS..
WILL YOU... CATCH ME ANOTHER CARP?
ROKURO..

Nonomura Shirozaemon had now returned to Fe
THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, TOKUGAWA IEYASU.

LOOKS LIKE IT'S STOPPED
Five in the morning
YES.
IT SEEMS ISHIDA'S MEN HAVE REACHED THE FRONT LINES.
YES
JIROSABURO, DO YOU SEE THOSE BRAZIERS ?
JIROSABURO, WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE THE ENEMY'S FORMATION WILL BE ?
HEHE ...

BEHIND US...
FIRST...
にやにや
……
WELL THEN
MORI HIDEMOTO ON MT NANGU!
KOBAYAKAWA ON MT. MATSUO!
TO THE LEFT,

Terrifyingly enough, Jirosaburo had precisely the same knowledge as his lord Ieyasu
OTANI YOSHITSUGU!
DIAGONALLY ON FUJIKAWA HILL,
AND FINALLY, UKITA HAS TAKEN POSITION ON MT TENMA
BESIDE HIM IS SHIMAZU AND KONISHI YUKINAGA.
ON THE HOKKOKU HIGHWAY !!
AND AT THE FRONT, ISHIDA IS.
SHIMAZU TOYOHISA & YOSHIHIRO
KONISHI YUKINAGA
ISHIDA MITSUNARI
UKITA HIDEIE
OTANI YOSHITSUGU
MORI HIDEMOTO
THIS IS TRULY A CRANE'S WING FORMATION!!

HMM?
!
THIS BATTLE ...
WILL BE YOUR LOSS, MY LORD
YOU'RE EXACTLY RIGHT...
!!
!?
BUT ..
In the 18th year of Emperor Meiji's reign, the German Major Klemens Meckel, invited as a professor to the Army University,
took one look at the formations of Sekigahara on a map, and said, "The Western army won." Mitsunari's formation meant certain victory...

Kitsukawa Hiroie on Mt. Nangu and Kobayakawa Hideaki on Mt. Matsuo had already contemplated betrayal with Ieyasu.
NO CRANE CAN FLY WITH A BROKEN WING.
IS THIS... THE SAME WILD SAMURAI..? I CAN BARELY BELIEVE MY EYES. HE'S GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO LORD IEYASU BY THE DAY, SO MUCH THAT IT'S SCARY.
WELL, WELL, I'M IMPRESSED ...
YES. TRULY...
RIGHT, TADAKATSU !?
JIROSABURO, I'M GLAD YOU'VE BECOME ABLE TO SEE THAT MUCH.

HUP HUP!
THIS IS SOME SEVERE RAIN.
MY LORD, DO YOU MEAN...
YES YOU MEAN LORD HIDETADA?
Tokugawa Hidetada was Ieyasu's third son, and his successor
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH BETTER
IF ONLY MY SON WERE HERE.

I MEAN NOBU-YASU!
NOT HIM!!
However, he was unable to capture Ueda Castle of Shinshu, and could not make a timely arrival at the Battle of Sekigahara.
Hidetada was leading an army of 38,000 along the Nakasendo Highway, and was supposed to rendezvous with Ieyasu's main force at Gifu.
Nobuyasu, the name of Ieyasu's eldest son. The son he was forced to kill with his own two hands 21 years ago, in Tensho year 7.
!!
His days were spent stampeding over the nation, to engage in grueling battles.
At the time, Ieyasu was but a petty supporter of Nobunaga.
suspected Ieyasu's son Nobuyasu and his wife, Lady Tsukiyama, to be conspiring with the Takeda, and ordered them to be executed.
But Nobunaga, to whom Ieyasu had sworn fealty..

A... ARE TO DIE?
A... ARE YOU SAYING THAT NOBUYASU AND I...
W... WHAT IS THIS!?
N. NOBUYASU, THIS MUST BE SOME MISTAKE!
YOU'RE NOT CONSPIRING WITH ANYONE, ARE YOU?
NO. I WOULD NEVER DO THAT!
M... MOTHER!
Nobuyasu
Lady Tsukiyama
OF COURSE NOT
OF COURSE NOT

L... LORD IEYASU, JUSTIFY US BEFORE NOBUNAGA AT ONCE!
LET OUR NAMES BE CLEARED!

I WILL JUSTIFY THEM BEFORE LORD NOBUNAGA ONCE MORE!
ALRIGHT!
IF HE REFUSES, I WILL FIGHT!

I COULD NEVER KILL A SON AS GREAT AS NOBUYASU.

FATHER, LOOK!
NOBUYASU... I...

IN BETWEEN WARS, THEY USE THE TIME TO DO FIELD WORK JUST LIKE IN THE OLD DAYS, TO GIVE US MORE RATIONS.
YES... THEY ARE OUR CLAN'S RETAINERS.
AHH!!
T THOSE MEN ARE..!
BY GROWING THE BIGGEST WHITE RADISH.
THEY ARE ALL TRYING TO SURPRISE YOU, FATHER..
I DID NOT KNOW ...
EVERY-ONE..

MY LORD!
MY LORD!
AHH!!
I LOVE MIKAWA, AND I LOVE THESE MEN.

I OFFER MY LIFE GLADLY.
FATHER... IF MY DEATH GRANTS PEACE TO THIS COUNTRY AND ITS RETAINERS...

LET ME SEE.
THEY'RE HEAVY, MIND YOU!
OHH ..
MY LORD! LORD NOBUYASU! LOOK AT HOW MUCH MY FIELD PRODUCED!
NO, NO! MY FIELD PRODUCED THIS MUCH!
WOW, THEY ARE HEAVY!
LOOK, FATHER!

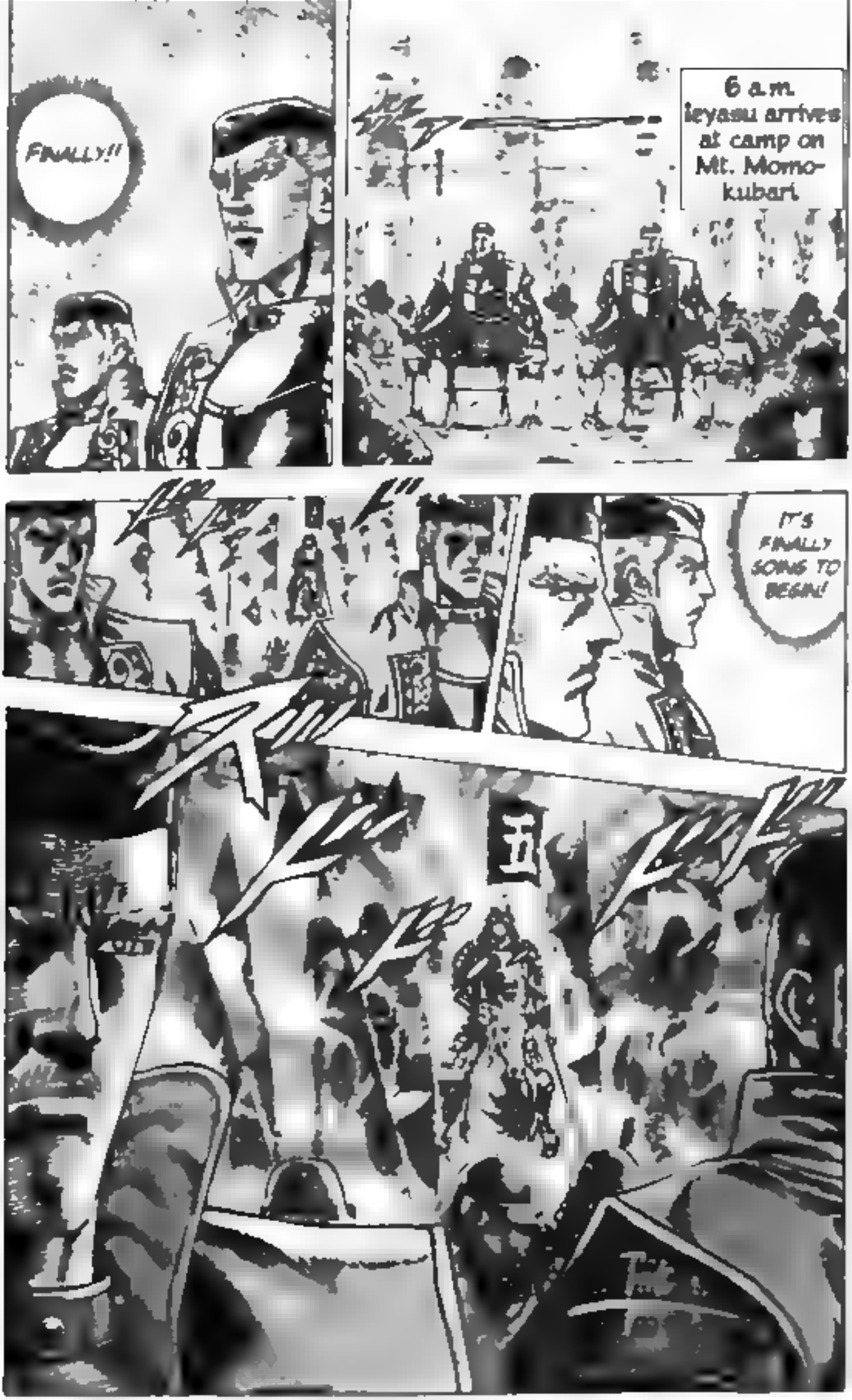
This incident was said to be a conspiracy of Nobunaga, who feared Nobuyasu's potential.

Two months later... Ieyasu ordered Nobuyasu to commit ritual suicide.

I-I WOULD NOT HAVE HAD TO KILL NOBUYASU, HAD I RULED THE NATION
IF ONLY... I HAD BEEN THE RULER THEN..

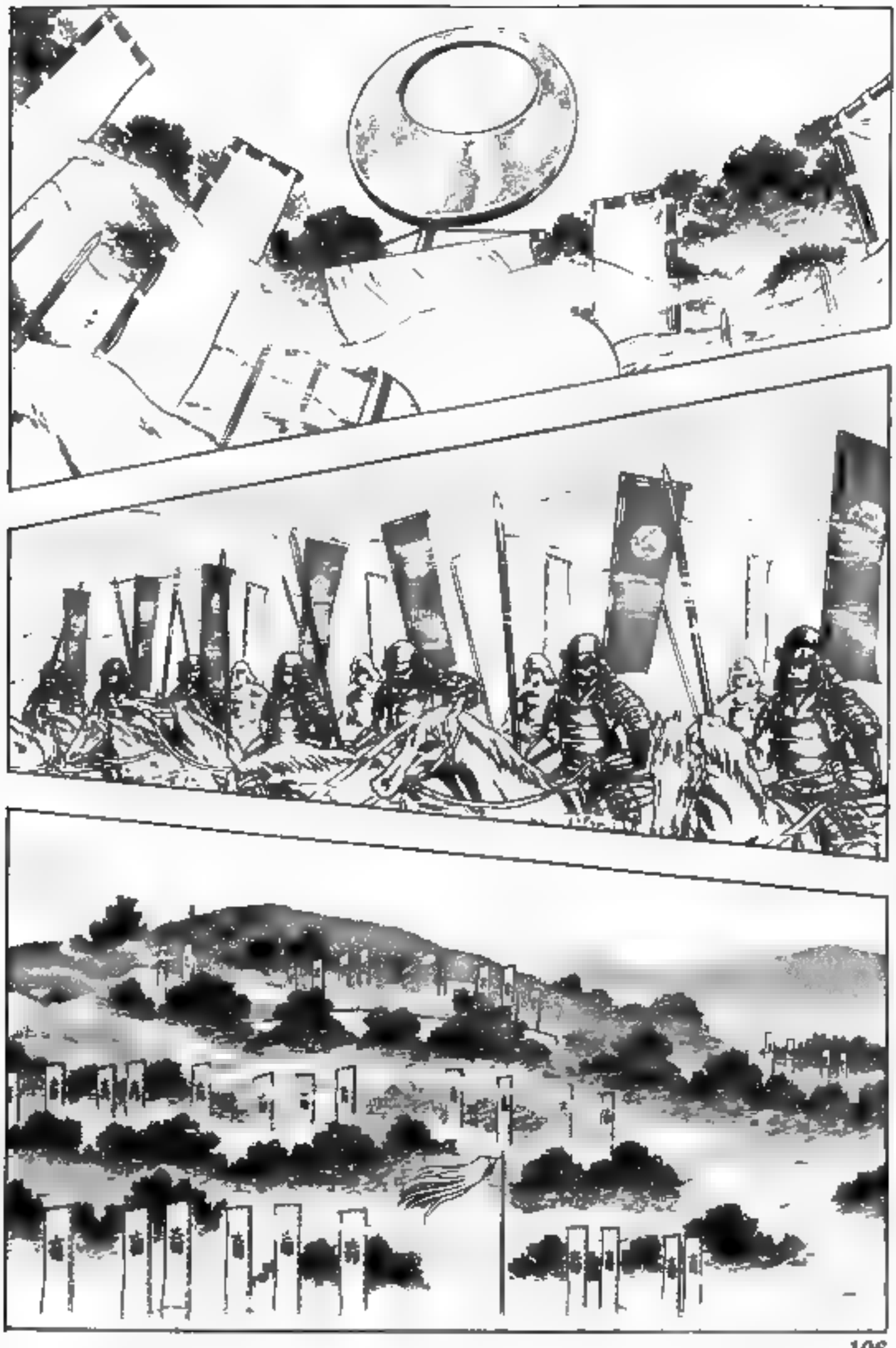
SO CLOSE I COULD ALMOST TOUCH IT..
THE NATION IS NOW BEFORE MY EYES
I WISH I COULD HAVE SHOWN NOBUYASU...

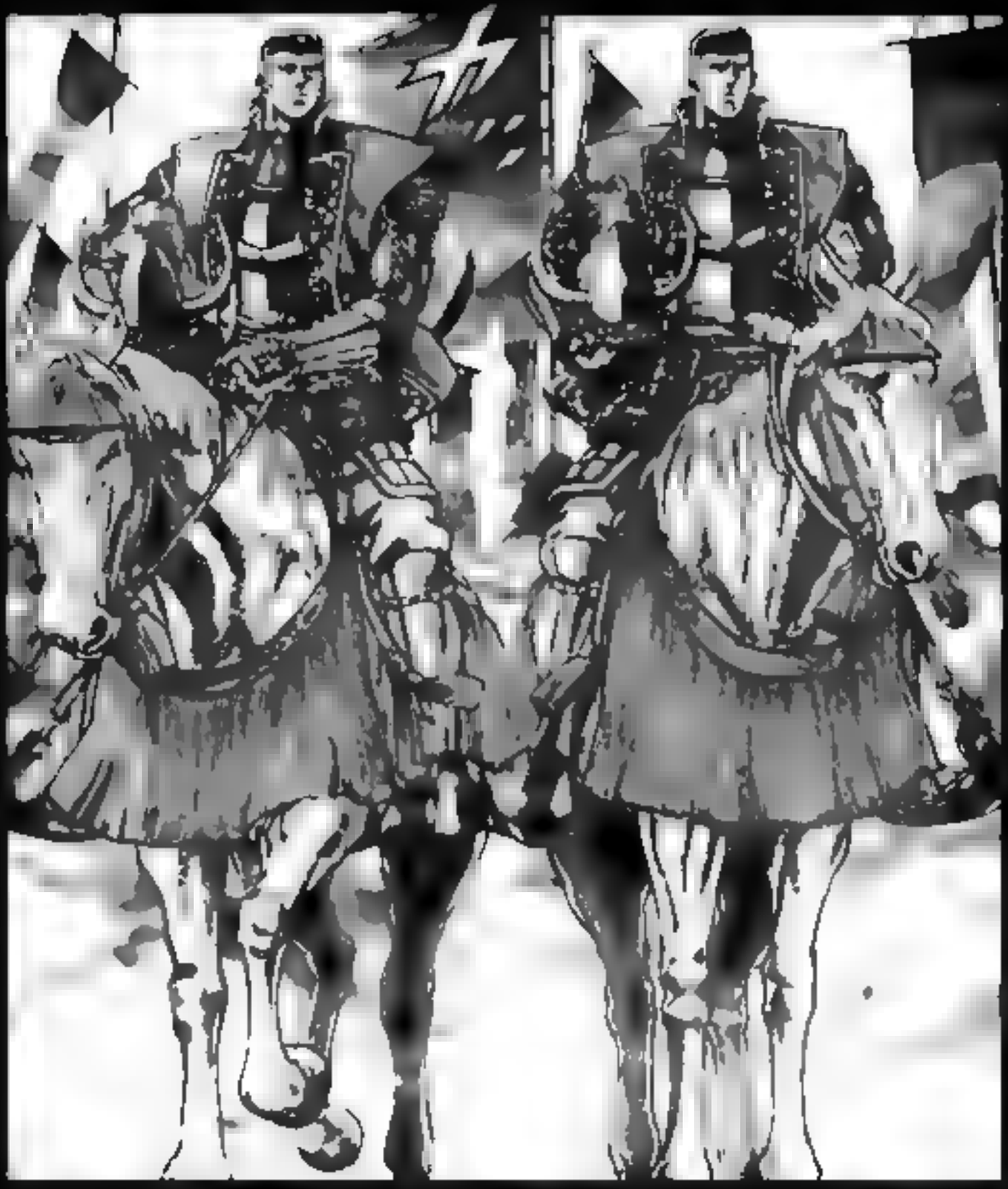
RAINING
HM!
IT SEEMS THAT IT HAS STARTED RAINING AGAIN..
MY LORD ...
IT IS RAINING ...
YOU'RE RIGHT ...
SO EVEN TOKUGAWA IEYASU, SAID TO BE NOTHING BUT WALKING TRICKERY WRAPPED IN THE FLESH OF A MAN..
IS MERELY A FATHER IN THE END..


FINALLY!!
6 a.m.
Ieyasu arrives at camp on Mt. Momo-kubari
IT'S FINALLY GOING TO BEGIN!

IF I RUSH AND ATTACK NOW, I WILL BE HINDERED BY HIS ATTENDANTS.
NO, I'M CERTAIN I CAN GET PAST HIS ATTENDANTS..
THE SHADOW WARRIOR!!
THE PROBLEM IS...

IF ANY SLASH BEFORE MY BLADE REACHES IEYASU,* I WILL TAKE A DOG'S DEATH
THE ISHIDA CANNOT OBTAIN VICTORY AS LONG AS IEYASU LIVES!
CAN I KILL THEM BOTH AT ONCE!?
NO, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I CANNOT KILL THEM BOTH
AND THEN I, ROKURO, MUST KILL THE REAL IEYASU!!
THERE MUST BE... THERE MUST BE SOME DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE REAL IEYASU AND THE SHADOW WARRIOR!! I MUST FIND IT!!





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## Chapter One

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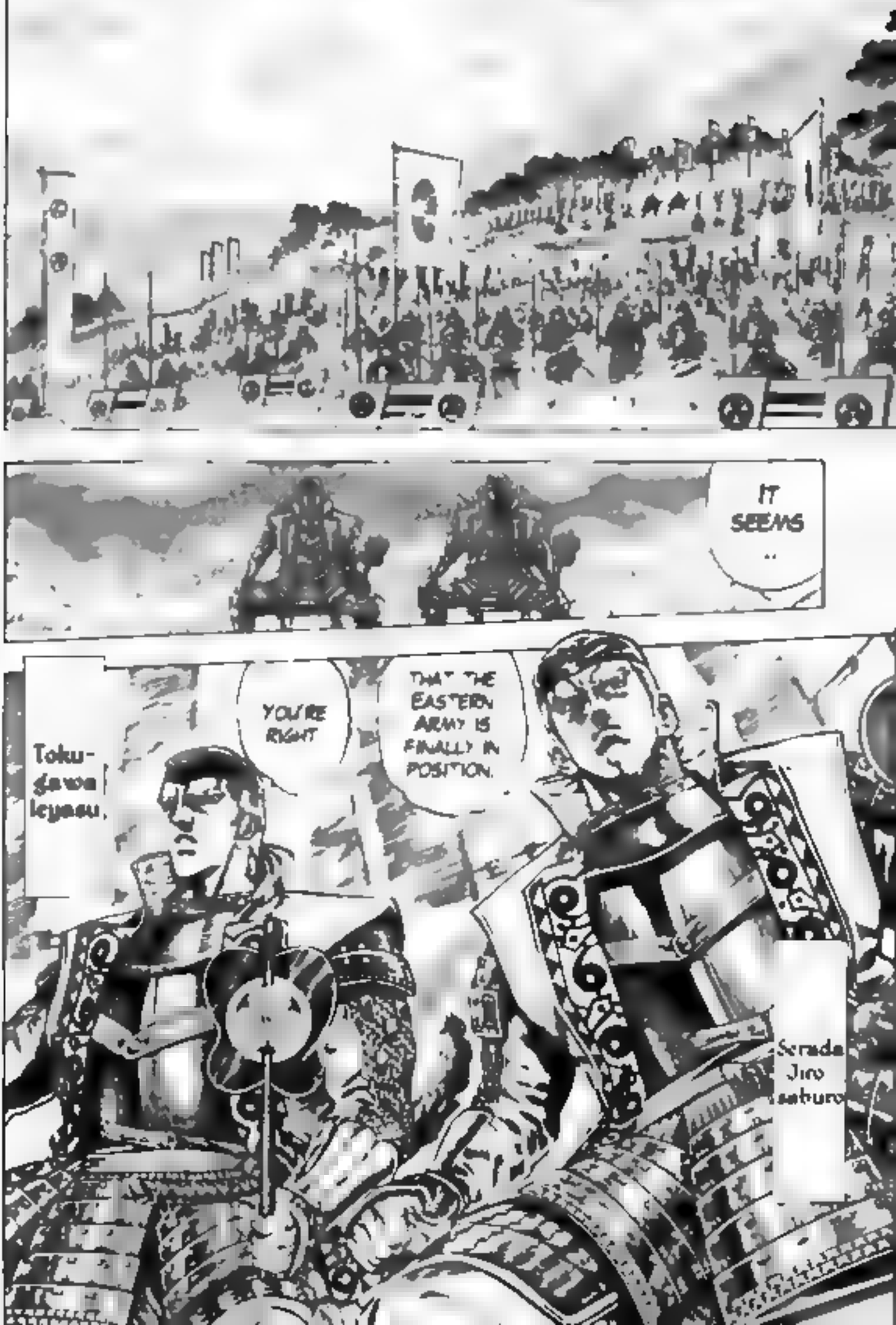
Chapter 2:
The Death of Ieyasu!?

Keicho year 5 (1600)
September 15, at 7 a.m.
Mt. Momokubari



WITH THE JOINING OF OUR ARMIES, AN ESTIMATED TWENTY THOUSAND SOLDIERS SHALL CLASH THIS DAY, WITHIN THE MISTS OF SEKIGAHARA.
FUKUSHIMA MASANORI
TODO TAKATORA
KURODA NAGAMASA
IT'S THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM... WE CAN ONLY RELY ON THE SOUND.
HONDA TADAKATSU
II NAOMASA
HOW.. DID YOU KNOW...?
YOU SURPRISED ME..
BECAUSE I AM YOUR SHADOW!
!?
.....
YOU'RE RIGHT
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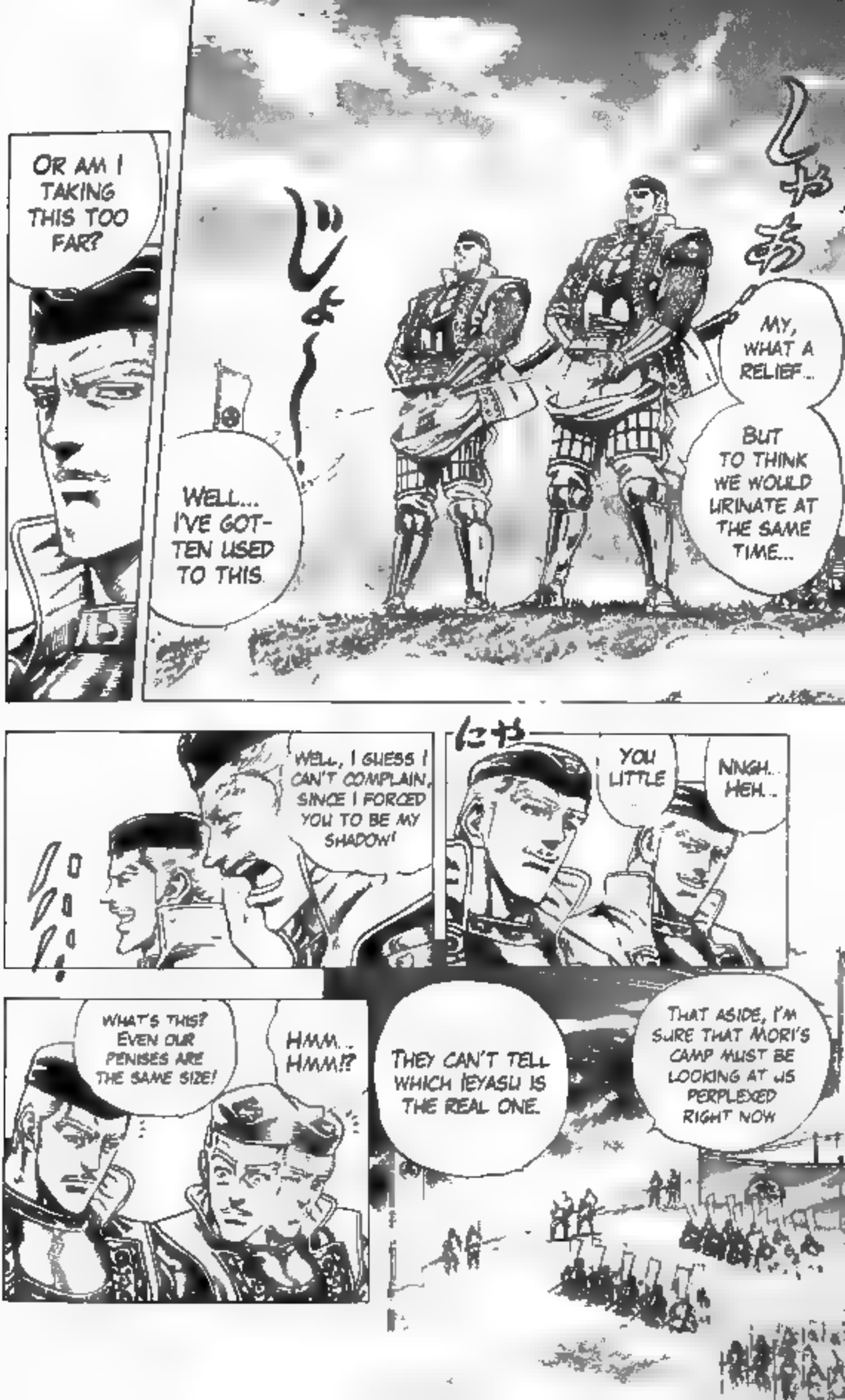

OR AM I TAKING THIS TOO FAR?
WELL... I'VE GOT-TEN USED TO THIS.
MY, WHAT A RELIEF...
BUT TO THINK WE WOULD URINATE AT THE SAME TIME...
WELL, I GUESS I CAN'T COMPLAIN, SINCE I FORCED YOU TO BE MY SHADOW!
YOU LITTLE
NNGH.. HEH..
WHAT'S THIS? EVEN OUR PENISES ARE THE SAME SIZE!
HMM.. HMM!?
THEY CAN'T TELL WHICH IEYASU IS THE REAL ONE.
THAT ASIDE, I'M SURE THAT MORI'S CAMP MUST BE LOOKING AT US PERPLEXED RIGHT NOW

.....
MY LORD !?
!
NO, COMPARED TO YOURS, MY LORD...
MINE IS FAR GREATER.
HMM..
I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D LOOK THIS MUCH ALIKE
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I'M IMPRESSED THAT YOU, WHO ONCE VOWED FREEDOM, HAVE SERVED AS MY SHADOW WARRIOR FOR A DECADE.
TIME SURE FLIES. IT'S ALREADY BEEN A DECADE SINCE WE FIRST MET AT THE FALCONRY GROUNDS

I THANK YOU, JIRO-SABURO.
THANKS TO YOU, MY DREAM CAN BE FULFILLED

A WORLD WHERE SAMURAI AND PEASANT ALIKE CAN LIVE IN HARMONY AND FREEDOM.. YOU WERE THE ONE WHO INSPIRED THAT DREAM WITHIN ME
A WORLD WITHOUT WAR...
I SHOULD BE THE ONE THANKING YOU

BRING ME BACK A CARP!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
ROKURO!

OUR LORD IS RAISING AN ARMY
TO DE-FEND THE TOYOTOMI.

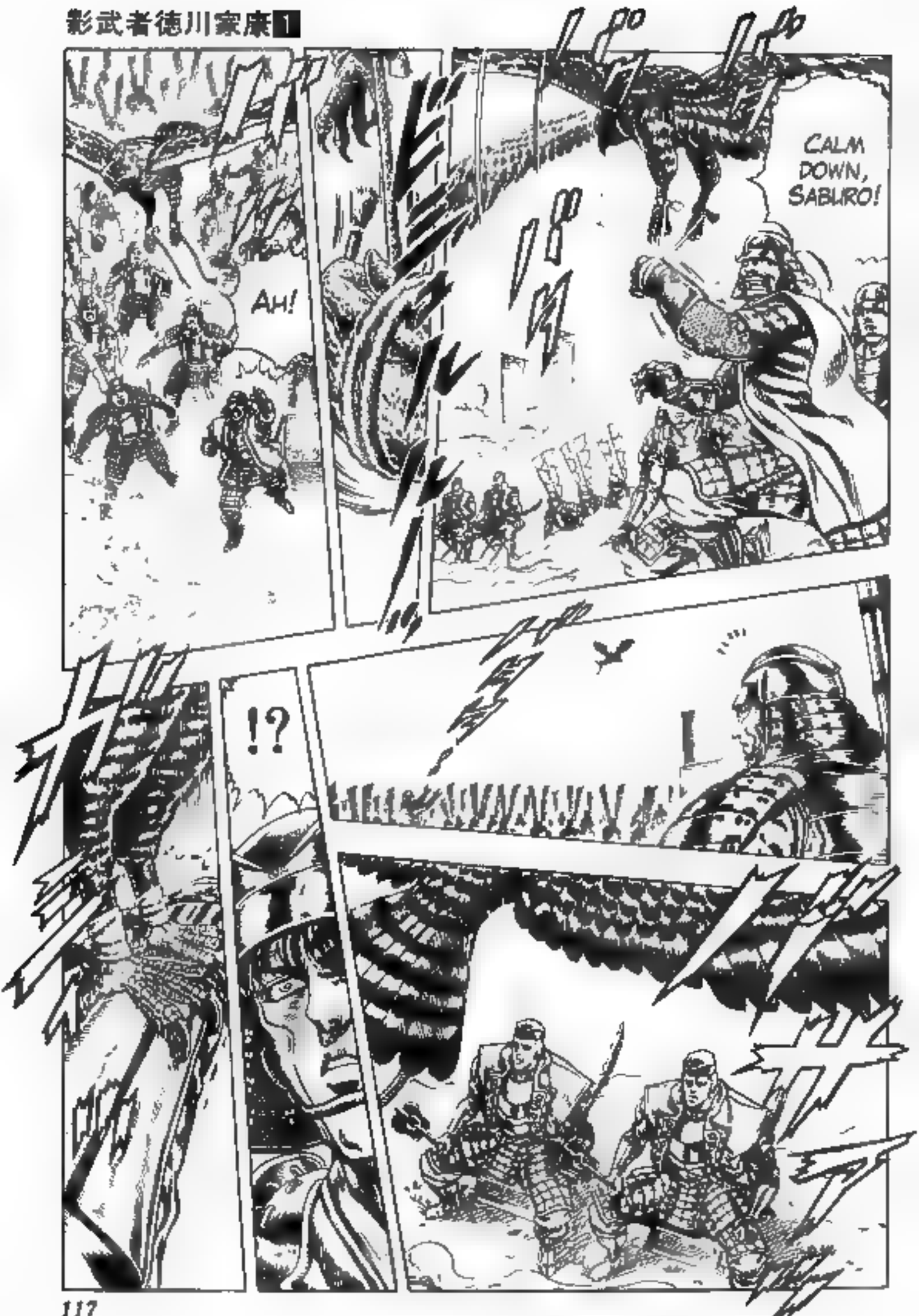
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

OUR LORD WILL LOSE THIS BATTLE!
BUT WE'RE UP AGAINST IEYASU.

IF THERE IS A WAY TO WIN?
IF THERE IS A WAY TO WIN AGAINST IEYASU..
LORD SAKON!
THAT IS THE ONLY WAY!
IT IS BY THE DEATH OF IEYASU!!
WHICH ONE...
WHICH ONE?

IS IT HIM?
IS THE REAL IEYASU!?
OR IS IT HIM?
FIND THE REAL IEYASU!
FIND THE DIFFERENCE!

WASN'T LORD FUKUSHIMA MASANORI'S ARMY SUPPOSED TO LEAD THE CHARGE?
JIRO-SABURO
...
UNNGH
...
IT'S BEEN OVER TWO HOURS... AND IF WE COULD JUST HEAR A SINGLE GUNSHOT,
THAT WOULD BE A SIGN THAT THE BATTLE HAS STARTED...
YES.
!?
W... WHAT'S THE MATTER? CALM DOWN!!


AH!
CALM DOWN, SABURO!
!?

WHAT IS IT, SABURO?
DID THE BLOODLUST OF TWENTY THOUSAND SOLDIERS BEFORE BATTLE EXCITE YOU?
HAHA... THERE, NOW...
THE REST IS MOVEMENT ONCE IEYASU MOUNTS, AND HIS ATTENDANTS GO TO MOUNT THEIR HORSES...
AT THAT MOMENT
.....
THAT IS THE REAL TOKUGAWA IEYASU!!
I'VE FOUND HIM!
T... THAT'S HIM!

?
IEYASU WILL DIE.
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE NONOMURA SHIROEMON!!
W... WHO ARE YOU...?
AND I JUST NEED TO TAKE IEYASU'S LIFE.
I'VE ALREADY FOUND THE REAL IEYASU.
I HAVE NO CHOICE. I'LL GET TO IT BEFORE HE CAUSES A FUSS
HEY! WHO ARE YOU?

Sakon had already told Rokuro about Ieyasu's bad habit.
THE FIDGETING ONE IS IEYASU!!
THE ONE THAT BITES HIS NAILS!

The real Ieyasu was risking the destiny of the whole Tokugawa clan and the authority of the nation, while the Shadow Warrior was risking only his life.
Ironically, the Shadow Warrior was calmer than the real one, for he was risking less on this battle.

Jiroesaburo did not enjoy Ieyasu's bad habit, unbecoming as it was of a general fighting for the fate of the nation. That's why, shadow warrior though he was...
he refused to bite his nails. But Rokuro did not miss this slight detail.
HASN'T IT STARTED YET?
HEY!
YOU!
!
AH!
MY LORD!

……
HURRAH!!
HURRAH!!
SOUND THE BATTLE CRY!!

YEAH!
NOW, LORD IEYASU! GET ON YOUR HORSE!
NOW!!
The orderly must have been summoned by the lord.

In these circumstances, no one would doubt that.
But there was one thing unnatural about Rokuro.
Though he was not left-handed, he was carrying a spear in his left hand.
!
THE ORDER...?
.....

THAT'S STRANGE MY LORD DIDN'T CALL FOR THE ORDERS
THERE'S NOTHING TO ANNOUNCE
!
But only the most suspicious man would notice that

HMM?
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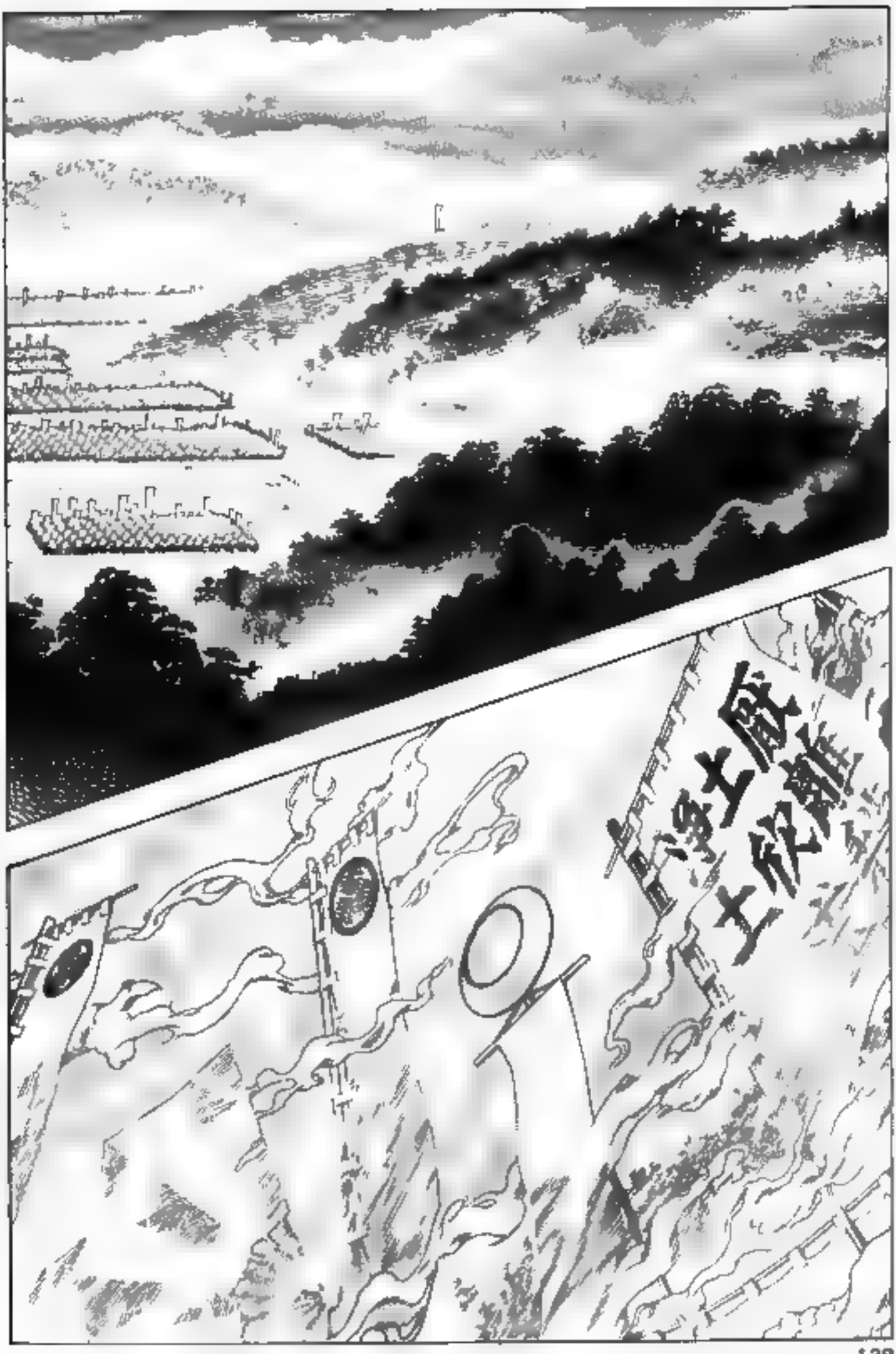
OHH
...
MY LORD!
M...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## Chapter Two

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Chapter 3:
The Last Will of Ieyasu!
MY LORD !!

Chapter 3:
The Last
Will of
Ieyasu!
AAA
AAA
RRR
GH!

!!
UNNGH!

KIII
KA

KOH!
BUT... YOU DIDN'T BITE YOUR NAILS!
AT FIRST, I MISTOOK YOU FOR IEYASU!

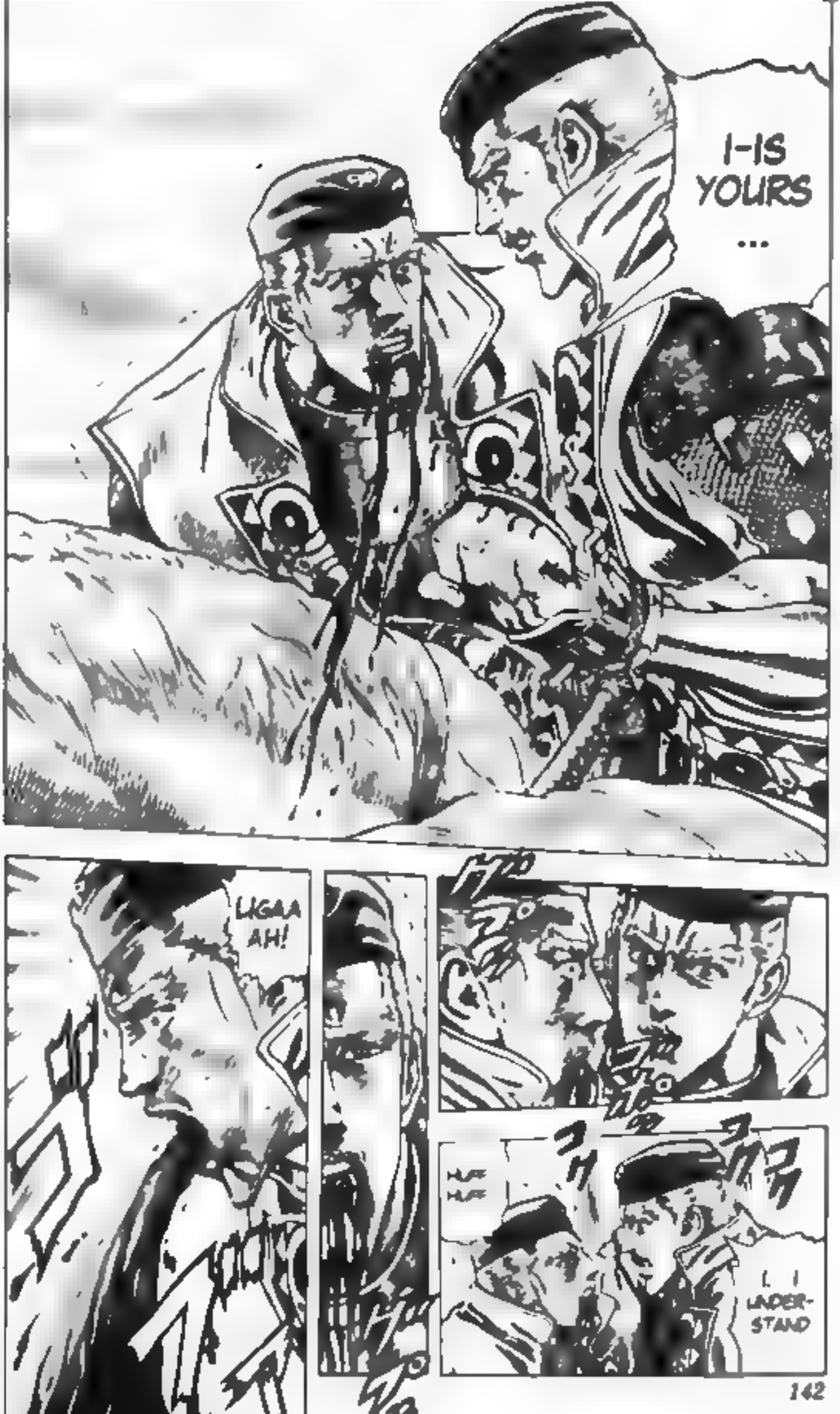
B...BACK THEN!!
.....
Rokuro was heading for Kuroda Nagamasa's front lines, and beyond Kuroda's army was Ishida Mitsunari's camp, and Shima Sakon
The orderly rode off with the general's commands... or so things appeared to the men nearby.

I DID IT!!
I STABBED IEYASU!
I KILLED IEYASU WITH MY OWN HANDS!!
I DID IT!

I HAVE TO INFORM HIM THAT IEYASU IS DEAD..
I.. I MUST HURRY AND INFORM LORD SAKON...
the shocking truth would spread throughout the army, stirring up the Western Army's morale giving them an easy victory
Once Rokuro reported to his lord Shima, Sakon,

LORD IEYASU
L...
M.. MY LORD..
MY LORD IS
M M
Horse Groom Suri
Page Monma Sukezaemon
Scrude Jirosaburo
M MY LORD!!
J
JIRO-SABURO
CONCEAL MY DEATH ...
C
CONCEAL ..

!!
TH... THE TOKUGAWA CLAN.
TH... THE NATION... IS YOURS...
AHH. AHH..
MY LORD
NNGH ...


I-IS YOURS ...
LIGAA AH!
HAIK HAIK
I... I UNDER-STAND

UGWO OAH!
M-MY LORD!
NOBU-YASU!!
N-

M-MY
LORD
...

WE CAN'T POSSIBLY FIGHT WITHOUT OUR COMMANDER!
N-NOW THE TOKUGAWA ARE DONE FOR!
A-AWAWA...
H-H-HE'S DEAD...
ヘロヘロ。。
OOO OHH!
MY LORD.. MY LORD
M, MY LORD..
MY LORD. MY LORD..
I. I HAVE TO TELL THE RETAINERS
I-ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING!?
AH!

HUH?
HIDE THE LORD!
TAKE DOWN THE CAMP ENCLOSURE AND COVER HIM!
GGYA AAH!
IS OUR LORD'S LAST WILL!! IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW IT, I'LL KILL YOU MYSELF!!
THIS ...
!.....
W-WHAT?
YOU'RE NOT LORD IEYASU! IF WE DON'T TELL EVERYONE... THEN WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?
D... DON'T BE STUPID! YOU'RE JUST A SHADOW WARRIOR! WHAT COULD YOU POSSIBLY DO!?

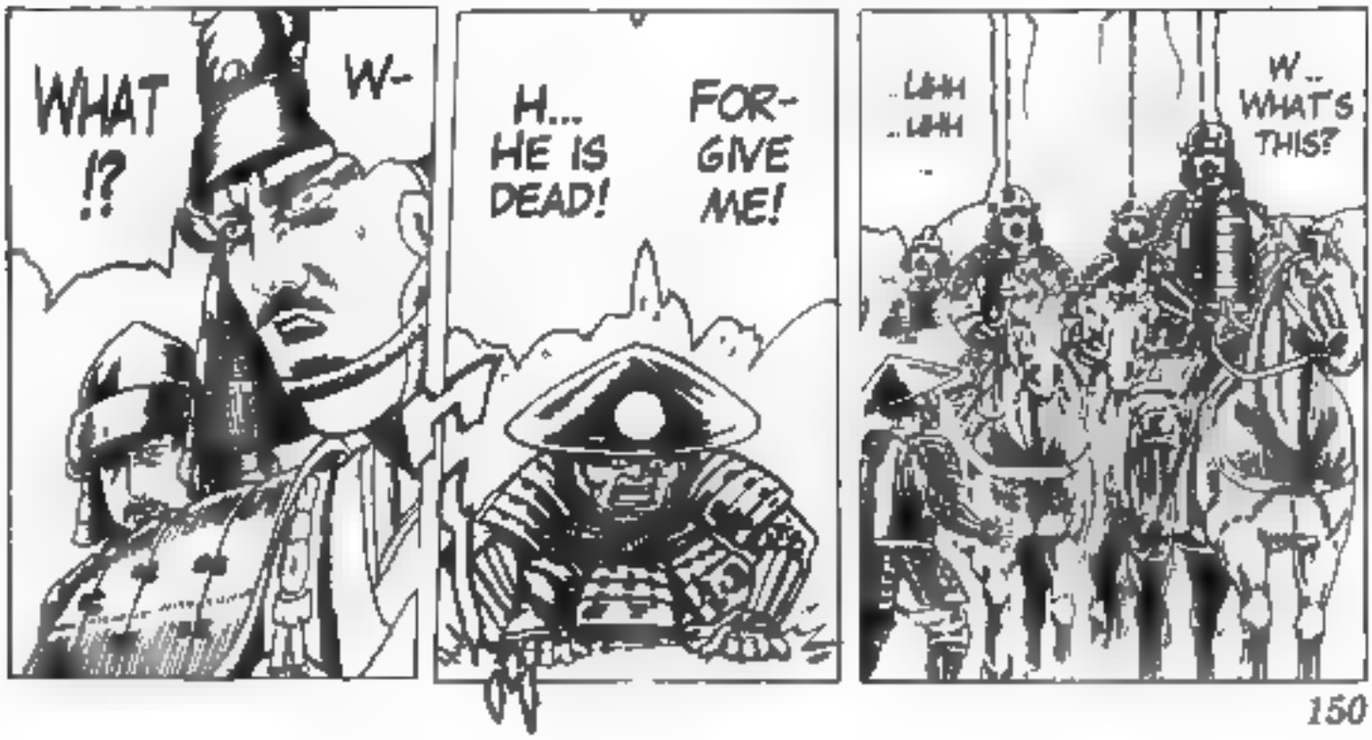
MANY OF OUR ALLIES ON THE FRONT LINE ARE LORDS INDEBTED TO THE TOYOTOMI. THEY'LL RAISE THEIR FLAGS IN REVOLT! HOW DO YOU SUPPOSE WE FACE THAT?
WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE WILL HAPPEN IF OUR FORCES HEAR OF LORD IEYASU'S DEATH?
WHAT DO WE DO..? WHAT DO WE DO NOW..?
MY LORD!! WHAT IS THE MATTER?

WHAT'S THAT BAGGAGE THERE!?
HMM!?
WE NOTICED THAT THE CAMP ENCLOSURE WAS CUT. DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

WHAT'S IN THERE!?
WHAT'S THE ENCLOSURE DOING THERE!?

I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT!
NO. I DON'T KNOW!
MONNA, WHAT IS THIS ?
HMM!?
N. NO.. D-DON'T WORRY, NOTHING'S WRONG WITH LORD IEYASU!
HEH.
UHH..
THAT JUST SOUNDS SUSPICIOUS!
W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

AH! WAH!
TH. THIS IS.
N... NO...
AH!
MONNA! YOUR FLAG...
!!


WHAT !?
W-
H... HE IS DEAD!
FOR-GIVE ME!
..UHH ..UHH
W.. WHAT'S THIS?

YOU MEAN OUR LORD IS.
.....
AN ASSASSIN... STRUCK FROM OUT OF THE BLUE..
I... I-IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
AN ASSASSIN ?
THE SHADOW WARRIOR SERADA JIROSABURO HAS BEEN SLAIN!!
WHAT ARE YOU STANDING THERE FOR!?
!!

PHEW... THAT'S IMPRESSIVE. NO ONE DOUBTED THAT HE WAS LORD IEYASU.

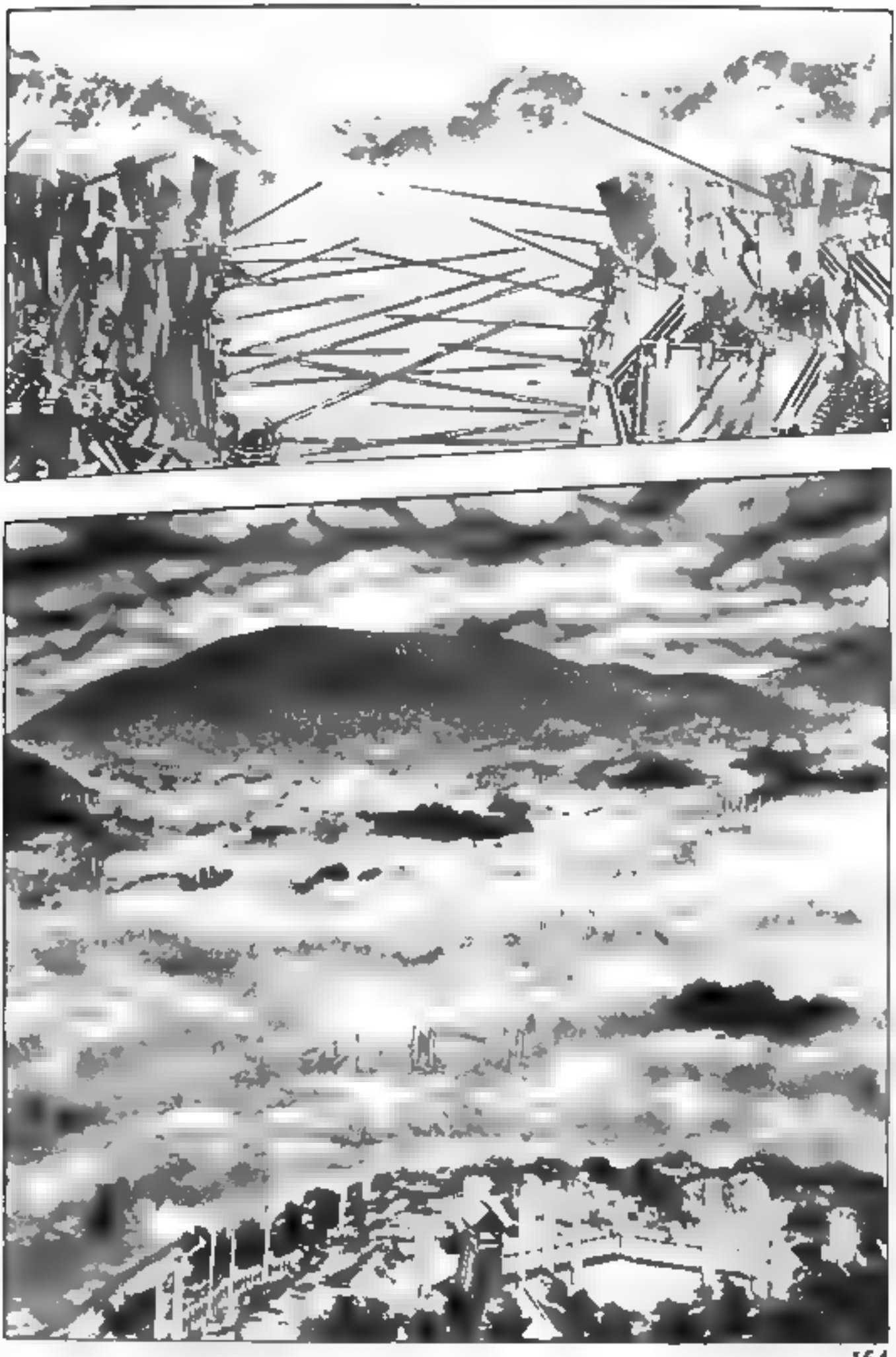
...YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
W. WHAT ARE...

THE NAILS... THIS THREW IT ALL OFF.

BUT IEYASU'S DEATH ISN'T HOW IT WAS SUPPOSED TO GO..
THE SHADOW IS THE ONE WHO IS SUPPOSED TO DIE..

I DON'T KNOW...
I DON'T KNOW MYSELF

I DIDN'T IMITATE MY LORD'S HABIT OF BITING HIS NAILS... AND FOR THAT, MY LORD...
!!
I WAS THE ONE WHO DIED TODAY!
NO!! MY LORD IS NOT DEAD!
SERADA JIROSABURO... IS DEAD!!



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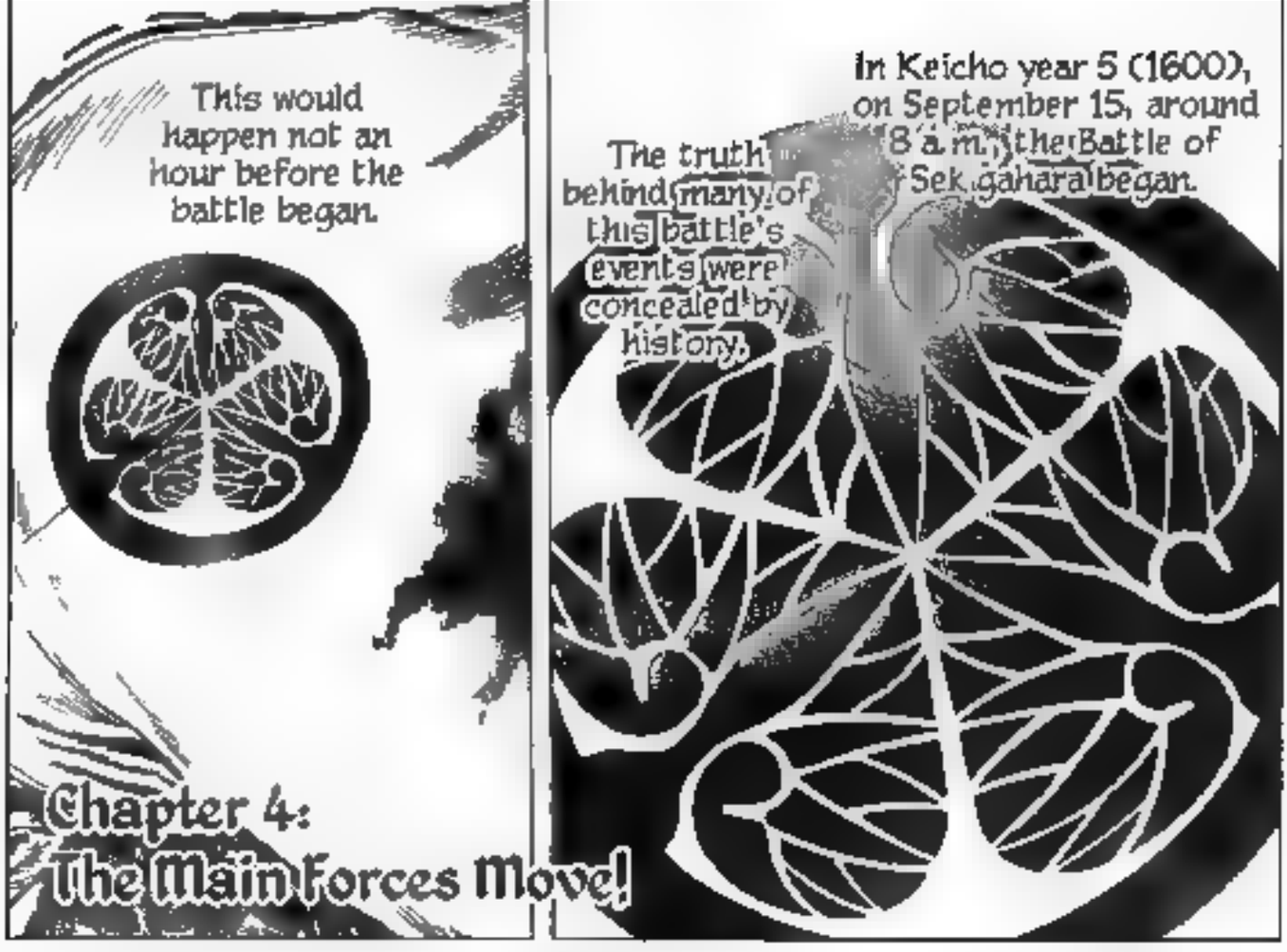
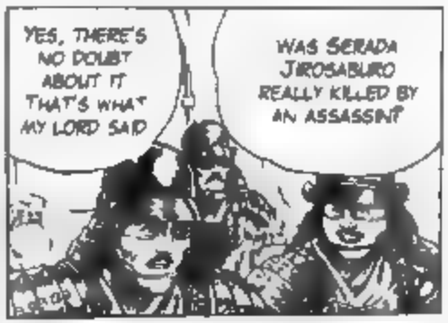
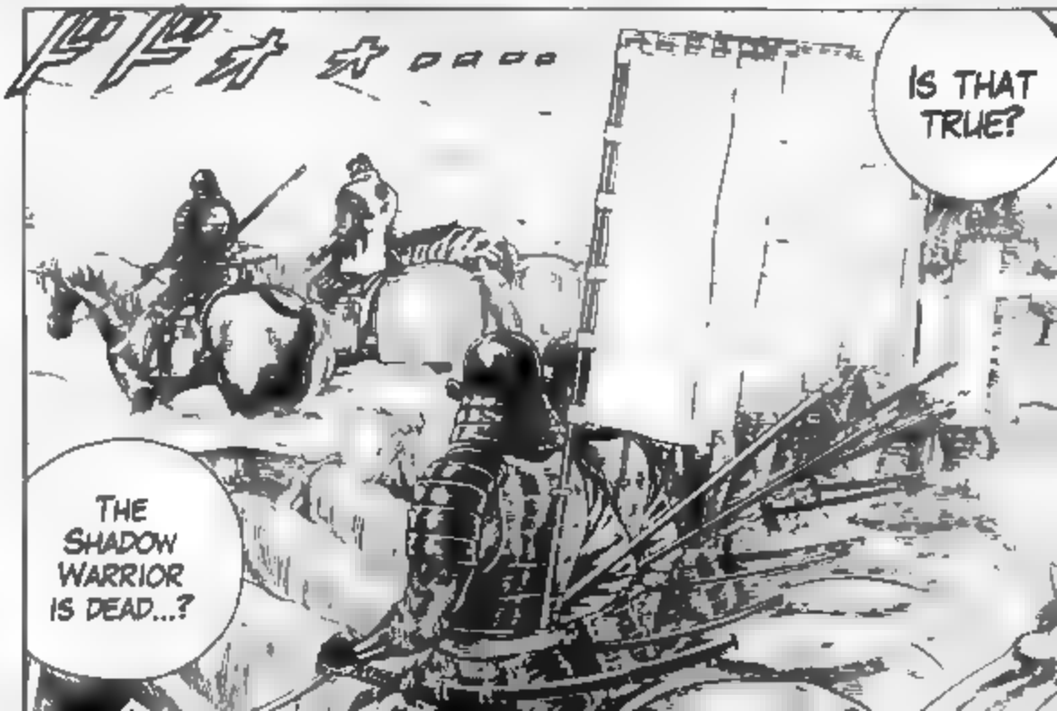

This would happen not an hour before the battle began.
In Keicho year 5 (1600), on September 15, around 8 a.m., the Battle of Sekigahara began.
The truth behind many of this battle's events were concealed by history.
Chapter 4:
The Main Forces Move!

It was the demise of the Eastern Army's general: Tokugawa Ieyasu.

# Chapter 4:
# The Main Forces Move!





THE LORDS AT THE FRONT LINE, FUKUSHIMA, KURODA AND TODO, ALL OWE THEIR DEBTS TO THE TOYOTOMI AND DON'T POSSESS A SCRAP OF 'LOYALTY' TO THE TOKUGAWA. IF THIS IS REVEALED, WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT BACK DESPERATELY.
I CANNOT PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE LORD IEYASU'S DEATH... THAT IS NOT WHAT LORD IEYASU WOULD DO.
WHAT DO I DO? WHAT DO I DO FROM HERE?
THEN THIS BATTLE WILL BE THE TOKUGAWAS' LOSS!!
CONCEAL MY DEATH!!
HIDE ME, JIROSABURO!
T... THE TOKUGAWA CLAN...
T... THE NATION... IS YOURS...

AHHH.. LORD IEYASU. I CAN'T KEEP UP A.LE
SOB SOB
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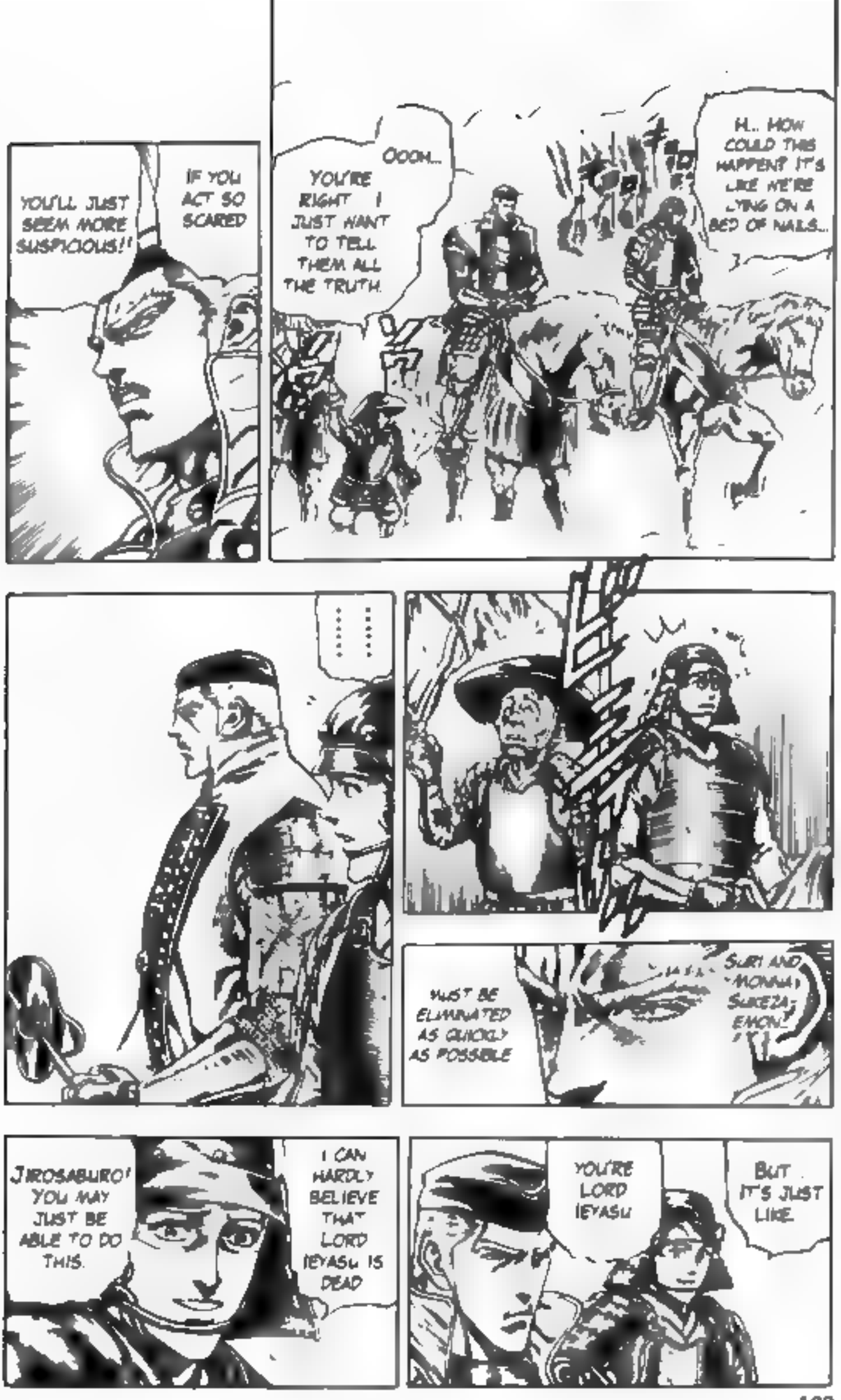
ズ…
MY APO-LOGIES
HUFF HUFF

THEY'VE CAUGHT ME!
WHAT ARE YOU WASTING TIME FOR, OLD MAN?
LET ME HANDLE IT!
HUFF HUFF
HEY!!
HEEEEEH!
AHHH
"M'LORD"?
IT'S BUT A MERE SHADOW WARRIOR, RIGHT?
YOU JUST HAVE TO DO THIS!
!?
AH! AH! YOU CAN'T DO THAT! I-IF YOU PUSH SO HARD, M'LORD WILL...

THAT THIS IS LORD IEYASU?
YOU'RE NOT SAYING.
YOU..
YOU DON'T MEAN.
EEEEE EEK!
JUST KIDDING!
LIKE THAT WOULD EVER HAPPEN. HEHEHE GET A GRIP ON YOURSELF, OLD MAN


IF YOU ACT SO SCARED
YOU'LL JUST SEEM MORE SUSPICIOUS!!
OOOH...
YOU'RE RIGHT I JUST WANT TO TELL THEM ALL THE TRUTH.
H.. HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN? IT'S LIKE WE'RE LYING ON A BED OF NAILS...
.....
MUST BE ELIMINATED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE
SURI AND MONNA SUKEZA EMON!
JIROSABURO! YOU MAY JUST BE ABLE TO DO THIS.
I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE THAT LORD IEYASU IS DEAD
YOU'RE LORD IEYASU
BUT IT'S JUST LIKE

HMM !?
I'M SURE YOU CAN BECOME LORD IEYASU AND WIN THIS WAR!
NO, YOU CAN! YOU CAN TAKE LORD IEYASU'S PLACE!
HUH!?
MONNA... WHY DON'T YOU TRY TAKING COMMAND OF THESE THIRTY THOUSAND RETAINERS?
I AM NOT LORD IEYASU..
I AM NOT THE GREATEST MARKSMAN OF THE COAST ..
I HAVEN'T EVER TOUCHED THE BATON OF COMMAND IN BATTLE BEFORE!
ALL I AM IS A SHADOW WARRIOR!
NEITHER HAVE I!!
I CAN'T DO THAT! I'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE, NOT EVEN ONCE..
W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

W... WE'RE DONE FOR...
..WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO US?
A GUN...

P-PUT IT AWAY RIGHT NOW!
W. WHAT IF SOMEONE SEES IT?
WHY WOULD A SHADOW LIKE YOU HAVE THAT?
HUH? WHAT'S THAT!?
YAHACHIRO...
Two months before... Oyama's Camp...
YOUR MARTIAL SKILLS ARE AS STUNTED AS EVER.
..IT'S FINALLY TIME.
..YEAH.
LISTEN. REST YOUR RIGHT CHEEK ON IT, AND RAISE YOUR ELBOW
SHUT UP.

AND FIRE !!
KEEP YOUR LEFT ELBOW STRAIGHT UP AND DOWN.
...YEAH.
OUR WAR WITH THE ISHIDA WILL BE OVER.
.....
THIS WILL BE THE END OF YOUR LIFE AS A SHADOW WARRIOR.
LINE UP YOUR SIGHTS A LITTLE BELOW THE TARGET

HEHE
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NO. . I GUESS I DON'T HAVE THE TALENT TO USE A GUN
ONCE YOU KNOW THE TRICK, IT'S A MATTER OF PRACTICE.
OH...
IF IT EVER COMES DOWN TO IT, USE THAT GUN FOR MY LORD'S PROTECTION!
ACTUALLY, I WILL BE ACCOMPANYING LORD HIDETADA ON THE TOSENDO HIGHWAY*
IS THE ONE I GAVE YOU WHEN WE WERE DYING ON NAGASHIMA. I CAN'T TAKE THIS.
...THIS GUN...

* NAKASENDO

YOU ALWAYS PUT LORD IEYASU FIRST IN EVERYTHING
!!
IS IN YOUR HANDS.
MY LORD ...
.....

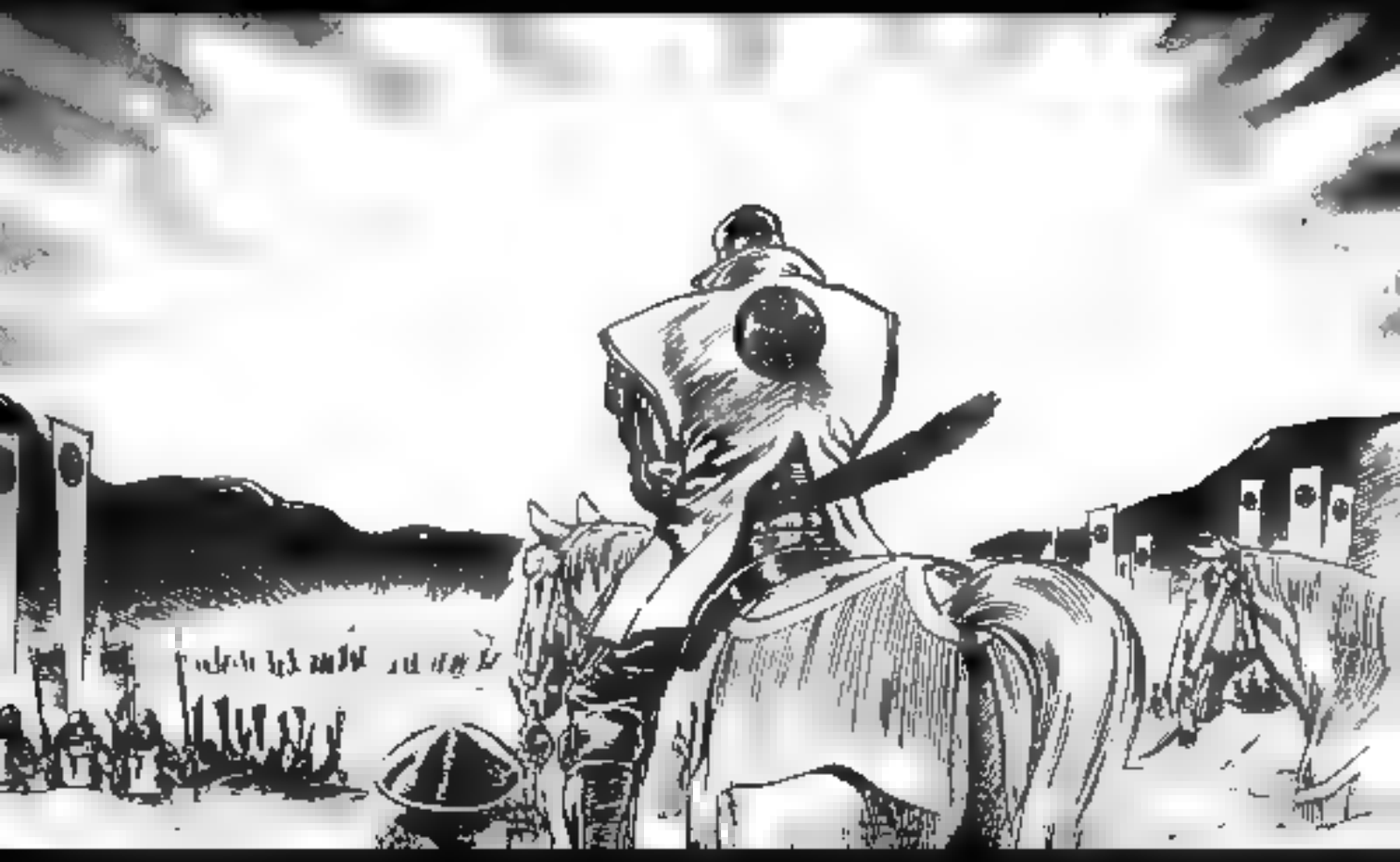
B... BUT...
I... I COULDN'T PROTECT OUR LORD...
YAHACHIRO... I... I AM SORRY...
I WILL PROTECT THE TOKUGAWA CLAN!
AT THE VERY LEAST ...
A-ARE YOU JUST GOING TO MOVE THE MAIN FORCES?
W-WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
A... ASSASSIN!?
WE'RE GOING AFTER THE ASSASSIN
WE'RE MOVING OUR CAMP !!
COMPANY, ADVANCE!!

ON-WARD !!
WE CAN STILL CATCH HIM!!
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HE COULD BE ANYWHERE BY NOW!
THE ENEMY MUST REMAIN UNAWARE OF LORD IEYASU'S DEATH!
I. I CANNOT LET THAT ASSASSIN RETURN TO ENEMY LINES!
HAVE I STILL NOT REACHED THE FRONT LINES...?
JUST HOW FAR HAVE I GONE ANYWAY?

本!!
!
TH.. THE MIST IS TOO THICK TO TELL!
HOW FARES THE BATTLE!?
THIS IS SOME ANNOYING MIST
WHAT ...?
LORD IEYASU AND THE MAIN FORCES HAVE LEFT AT MOMOKUBARI!
R... REPORT-ING IN!

W... WHAT THE...?
THE ORDERLY !?
HMM!?
THIS CHARGE IS TOO EARLY ...
W- WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS ?
NNGH ESPECIALLY WITH MORI ON MT NANGU
PLEASE PARDON MY RUDENESS, FOR I MUST RELAY MY LORD'S ORDERS TO THE FRONT LINE!
I AM THE TOKUGAWA CLAN'S ORDERLY, NONOMURA SHIROEMON!
HMM!
YOU'RE IN THE PRESENCE OF LORD HONDA TADAKATSU, THE BATTLE'S OVERSEER!
STOP! STOP!!

GUO OH!
MNNGH !
NONOMURA.
YOU ARE NOT NONOMURA.
HMM !?
!?
WHAT MADE MY LORD MOVE THE MAIN FORCE?
SPEAK. WHAT ARE MY LORD'S ORDERS?
.....
NKCH



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## Chapter Four

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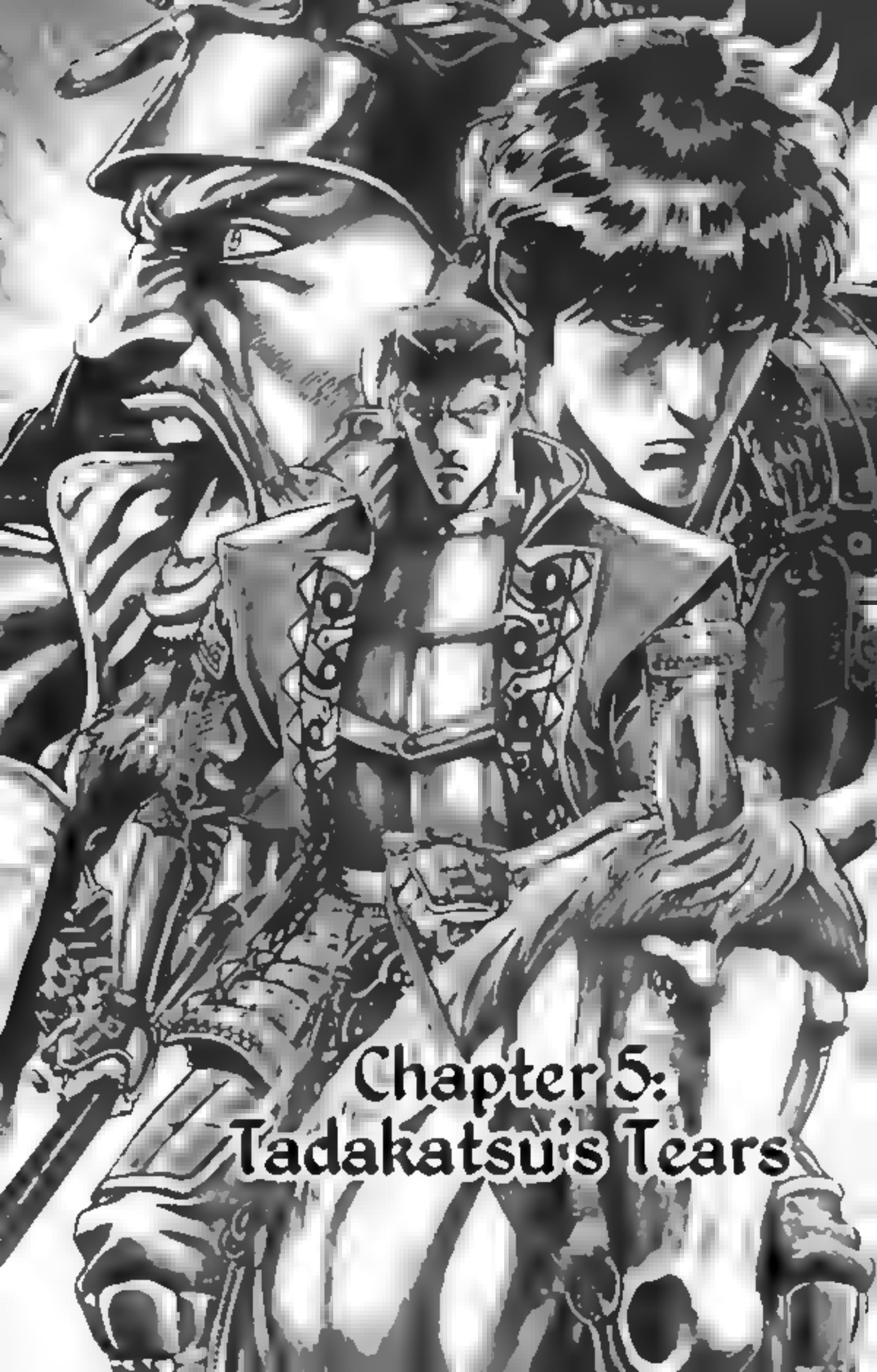
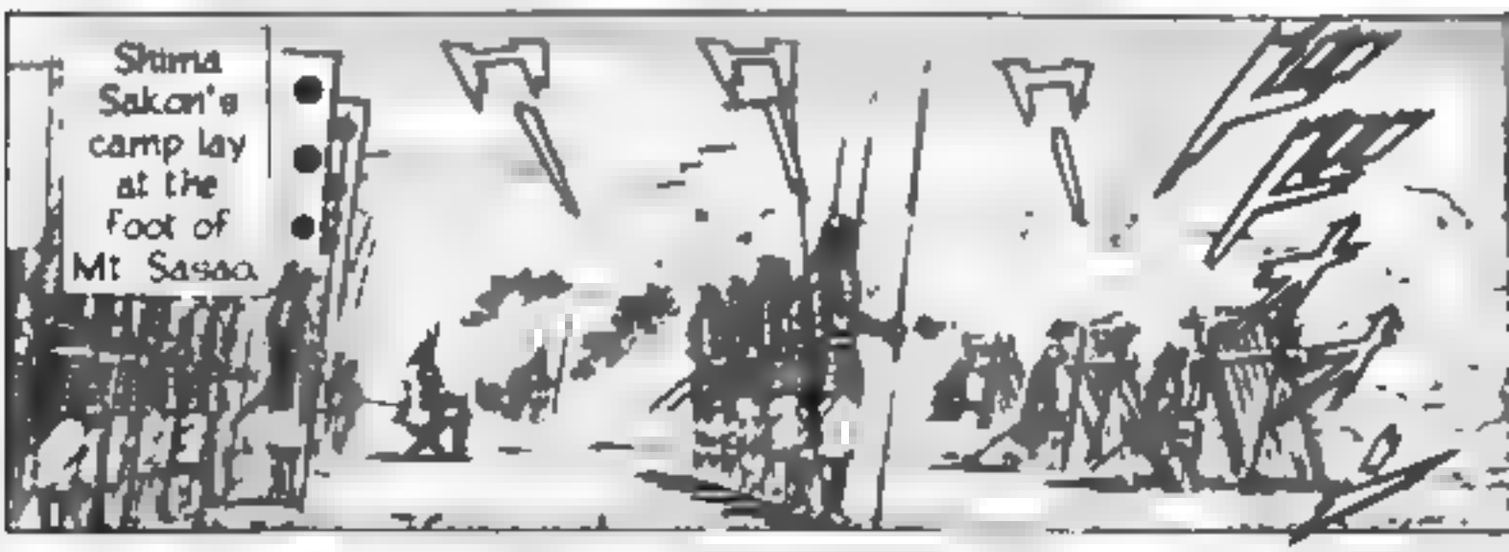


# Chapter 5: Tadakatsu's Tears

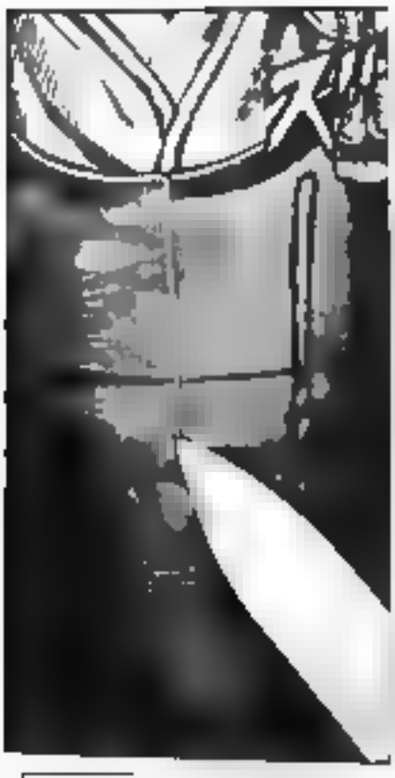
Mt. Sasao, Ishida Mitsunari's main camp
Before 9 a.m. not an hour since the battle began...


Shima Sakon's camp lay at the foot of Mt. Sasao.

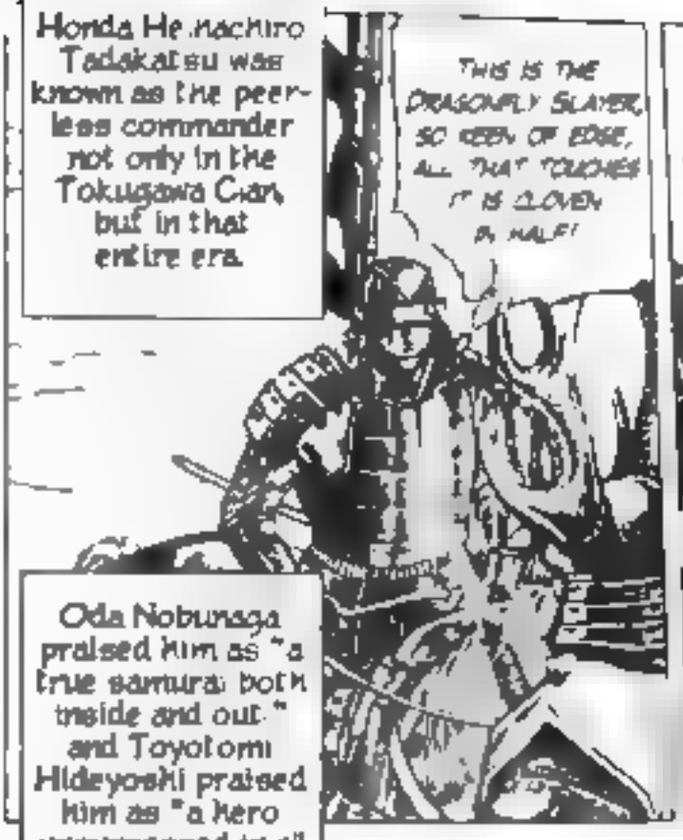
ROKURO

This was the man who had ordered Tokugawa's assassination at the hands of Rokuro of Kai.
Shima Sakon Katsu take

Meanwhile, in Honda Tadakatsu's camp...
WHY HAVE YOU DISGUISED YOURSELF AS THE TOKUGAWAS' ORDERLY!?
I KNEW IT. YOU ARE NOT NONOMURA.



Honda Heihachiro Tadakatsu was known as the peerless commander not only in the Tokugawa Clan, but in that entire era.



Oda Nobunaga praised him as "a true samurai both inside and out." and Toyotomi Hideyoshi praised him as "a hero unsurpassed in all of history."

AND WHY ARE THE MAIN FORCES ADVANCING THIS WAY?
THEN WHAT ARE THOSE ORDERS?
Y YOU MISUNDERSTAND ME
I HAVE BEEN SENT TO RELAY ORDERS FROM THE MAIN CAMP TO THE FRONT LINES.
But he had vowed life-long fidelity to Ieyasu, and would call no other "master."
Starting with Hideyoshi, many feudal lords attempted to gain his loyalty.
SPEAK!
WHY ARE THE MAIN FORCES COMING OUR WAY?
.....
COULD IT BE THAT I KILLED THE SHADOW WARRIOR? NO. DEFINITELY KILLED IEYASU.
HUH?

had descended from Mt. Momokubari and were approaching the front lines.

Meanwhile, Tokugawa's main forces, led by Jiro-saburo...

P . PLEASE, SLOW DOWN! I- . IF YOU RUN THIS FAST .

THE HORSES WILL BE HURT!

I DON'T KNOW! BUT NOW THAT THE MAIN FORCES HAVE MOVED, WE'LL HAVE TO FOLLOW HIM!

BUT AT THIS RATE, FOLLOWING HIM IS THE BEST WE CAN DO!

W-WHERE IS OUR LORD TAKING US?

SERADA !!

H.. HEY!

WE SHOULD TELL LORD TADAKATSU THE TRUTH!!
I... I MEAN, MY LORD! THE CAMP OF LORD HONDA TADAKATSU THE WARSHIP IS AHEAD!
GO AHEAD, IF YOU WANT TO DIE.
WHAT!?
W...
AND HAS PASSED AWAY IN THE MAIN CAMP ON MT. MOMOKUBARI!
O-OUR LORD HAS BEEN ASSASSINATED THE MOMENT THE BATTLE STARTED...
S...
SAY THAT AGAIN!

AH!
W... WAIT!!
WELL THEN
HIS ATTENDANTS ORDERED ME TO REPORT THIS TO THE COMMANDERS AT THE FRONT LINES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
AH!
M-MY LORD!
AND RODE AWAY AT THE FIRST CHANCE HE GOT!
H HE JUST SPEWED OUT SOME NON-SENSE
D DAMN IT
.....
C COULD SOMETHING HAVE HAPPENED TO LORD REGULUS?
BUT WAS THAT REALLY NONSENSE?

M... MY LORD!!
HMM!?
T... THAT'S LORD HONDA TADA-KATSU!
Y... YOU'RE SAFE, MY LORD!
!?

!!
I CAME HERE AS QUICK AS I COULD BECAUSE SOME STRANGE ORDERLY TOLD ME THAT SOMETHING HAD HAPPENED TO YOU.
YES! THAT'S LORD IEYASU, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!
OHH! LORD IEYASU IS HERE!
AH!
WAS NOT MY LORD ALWAYS ACCOMPANIED BY A SHADOW WARRIOR?
YES. BUT WHY IS THERE ONLY ONE OF HIM?
T..THAT ASSASSIN TOLD EVERY-ONE OF LORD IEYASU'S DEATH!!
OOH, HOW COULD THIS BE?
T THE ORDERLY..
!!
CAN YOU NOT TELL? I AM DEAD!
THE TRUTH IS. I DIED
THAT'S RIGHT
HUH.. ?

THAT'S RIGHT
!!

!!

W-WHY COULDN'T YOU PROTECT OUR LORD?
W-WHY?
I- IS IT THE SHADOW WARRIOR..? O- OR IS IT LORD IEYASU ?
T... THAT'S... URRGH... W WHICH ONE IS IT...?
.....
AHH. AHH. WE'RE. WE'RE.
OOOH

L.. LORD IEYASU...
I-... IS DEAD..
L. LORD IEYASU.. IS DEAD..

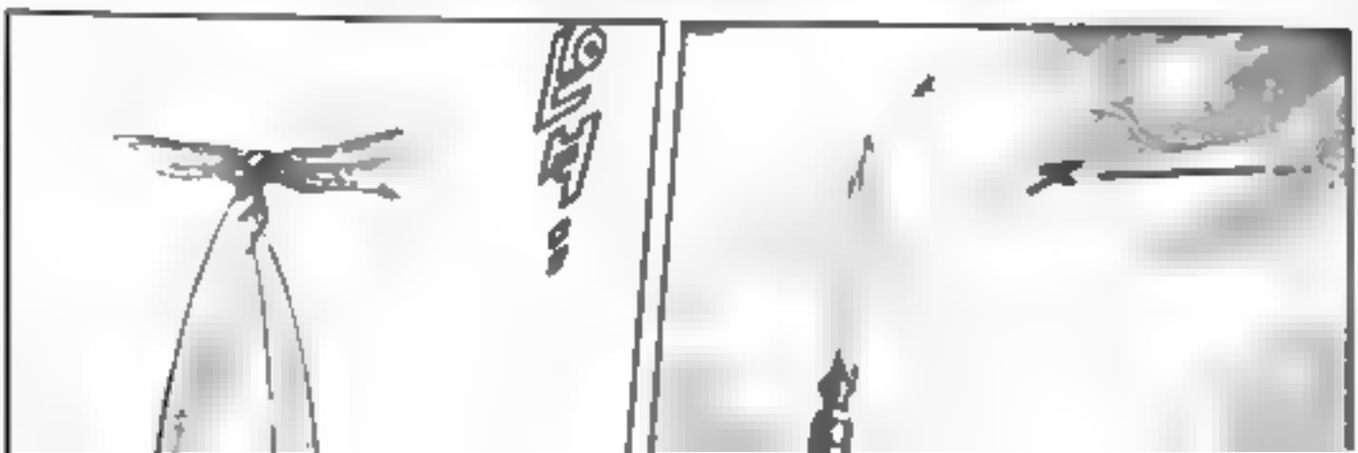
Ieyasu was the greatest field commander in all of Japan. That was why he chose Sekigahara as the final battle. But with Ieyasu lost, they could not win.
I-... IF LORD IEYASU IS TRULY DEAD... THEN THE BATTLE HAS ENDED...

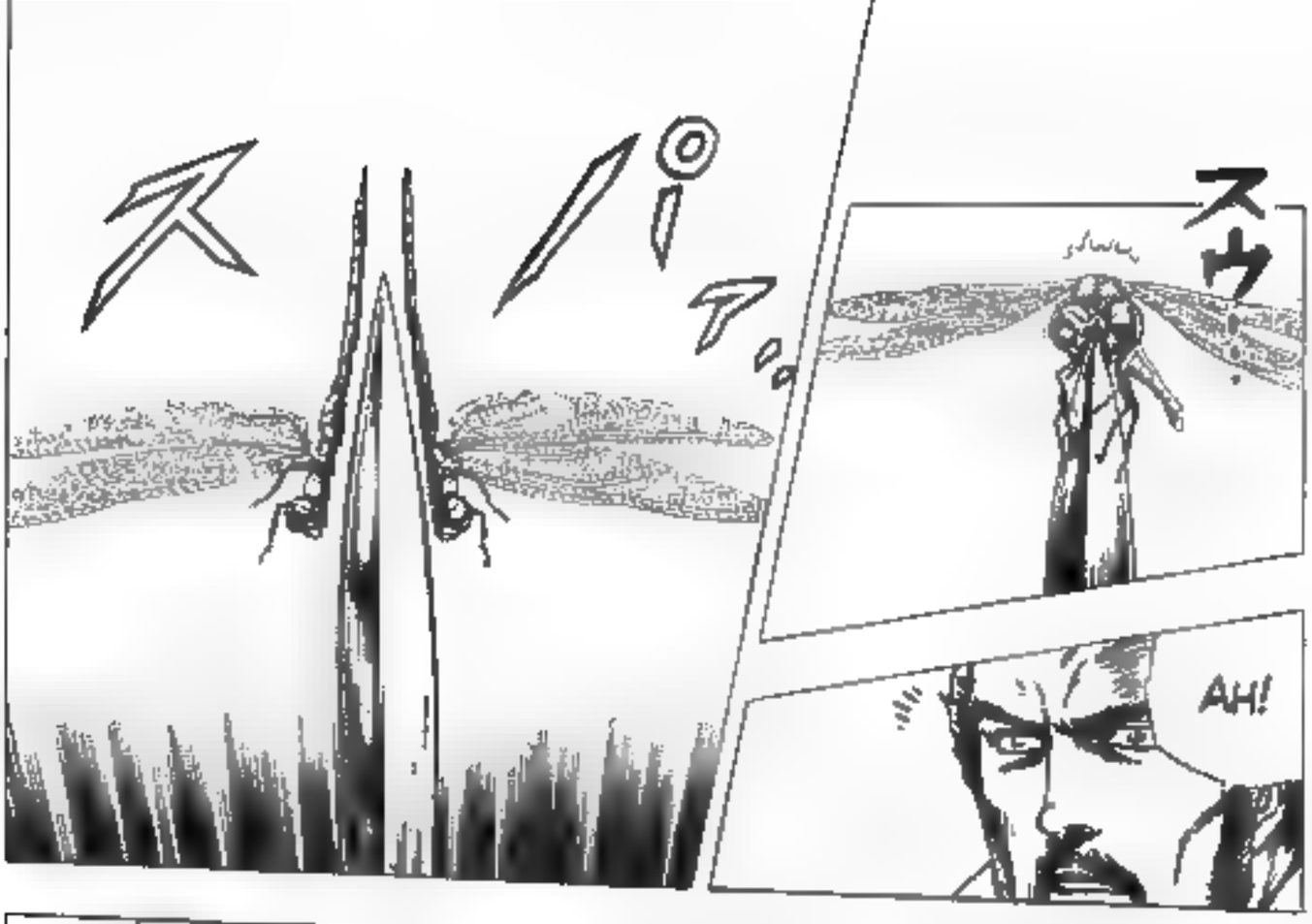
WHY DIDN'T YOU PROTECT HIM!?

All the soldiers quickly lost their morale..

AHH. H. HE'S MAD. WE'RE DONE FOR! WE'LL BE KILLED!
Y YOU...

I Shall Claim THE DRAGONFLY SLAYER
Genki year 3 (1572)
The Tokugawa Clan clashed with Takeda Shingen in combat on many occasions, but were met only with harsh defeat each time. In one such defeat the Battle of Hitokoto Hill, the 25-year-old Honda Tadakatsu successfully fended off the enemy army
...long enough for the troops to retreat.
TADAKATSU, LOOK AT THIS SPEAR
YES, MY LORD

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AH!

YOU HAVE DONE WELL.

I SHALL CALL IT DRAGONFLY SLAYER.
IT IS A SPEAR UNLIKE ANY OTHER...

YES, MY LORD
!!

AAA
AAR
RRR
GGG
GHH
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!!
ス…

THIS IS ABSURD! YOU MUST LIVE ON TO PROTECT MY LORD!
I- IT WAS YOUR DUTY AS SHADOW WARRIOR TO PROTECT LORD IEYASU, AND YET YOU FALL TO AN ASSASSIN AT SUCH A CRITICAL TIME.

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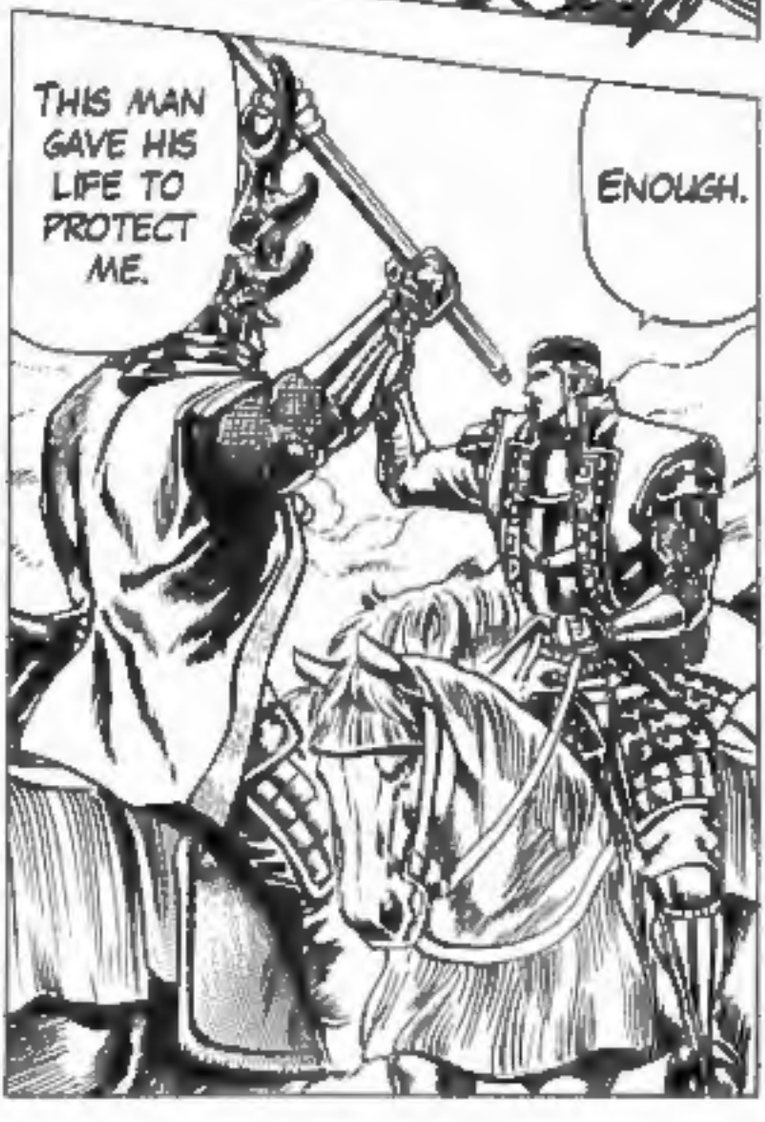
THIS MAN GAVE HIS LIFE TO PROTECT ME.
ENOUGH.

YES, MY LORD...
AS YOU COMMAND ...
PRAY FOR HIS HAPPINESS IN THE NEXT WORLD.

WE CAN WIN THIS WAR!
LORD IEYASU IS ALIVE!

Y... YES! THERE'S NO WAY LORD TADAKATSU WOULD MISTAKE LORD IEYASU'S FACE!
S... SO THAT CORPSE IS JIROSABURO'S!

But no one knew that Rokuro would cause yet another crisis for Jirosaburo...

the crisis of Ieyasu's death being exposed was averted.

And so, by Tadakatsu striking the corpse of the real Ieyasu,

.....

FORGIVE ME, MY LORD...

FORGIVE ME...

I AM SORRY, LORD TADA-KATSU ...

F... FOR-GIVE ME.

1 The Death of Ieyasu!?

– END

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## Chapter Five

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# FIGHT TAZMO

To my fellow fans -

Recently, a member of the community named Blud typed out a informative, and well written page that detailed the exploits of Narutofan creator Tazmo.

The point of this was to further spread the awareness of who Tazmo is, what he does, and why it is wrong. However, things like these tend to eventually need updating, and that is why this has been typed out.

What Blud stated is all very correct. However, it must be brought to everyones attention that Tazmo has expanded into full blown, stand alone websites that he has referred to as “revolutionary services”.

**http://www.anime-plus.com**

and

**http://www.manga-plus.com**

These websites seek to misinform manga and anime fans across the world into believing that his services are fair, the only one of their kind, and more secure than using other resources such as IRC or BitTorrent to get what you want.

The truth is as follows: Tazmo himself uses IRC and BitTorrent to get the files on his websites. He uses the FREE resources that every single one of you can also use, so that he can charge you various fees for getting what is FREE.

Tazmo is profiteering off of a FREE service provided by various members of the anime and manga community who donate their spare time to bring the latest manga and anime to you for FREE. They donate their time, work, and abilities in various areas, as well as use their own bandwidth to serve files.

There are various FREE ways to get and read the manga you want. There are free online readers such as http://www.onemanga.com as well as http://www.mangahut.com.

There are also resource websites such as http://www.mangahelpers.com, http://www.mangashare.com, as well as database resource sites such as http://www.mangaupdates.com.

There are thousands of people who work thousands of hours weekly to bring you the manga you love to read, as well as the anime you love to watch. They do it not to make a profit, but for FREE as a FREE service to the community that we all love very much. **EVERYTIME TAZMO MAKES MONEY OFF OF THEIR HARD WORK HE NOT ONLY INSULTS THEM, BUT INSULTS ALL THOSE WHO PAY FOR HIS SERVICE. Do the right thing, stop supporting Tazmo.**

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